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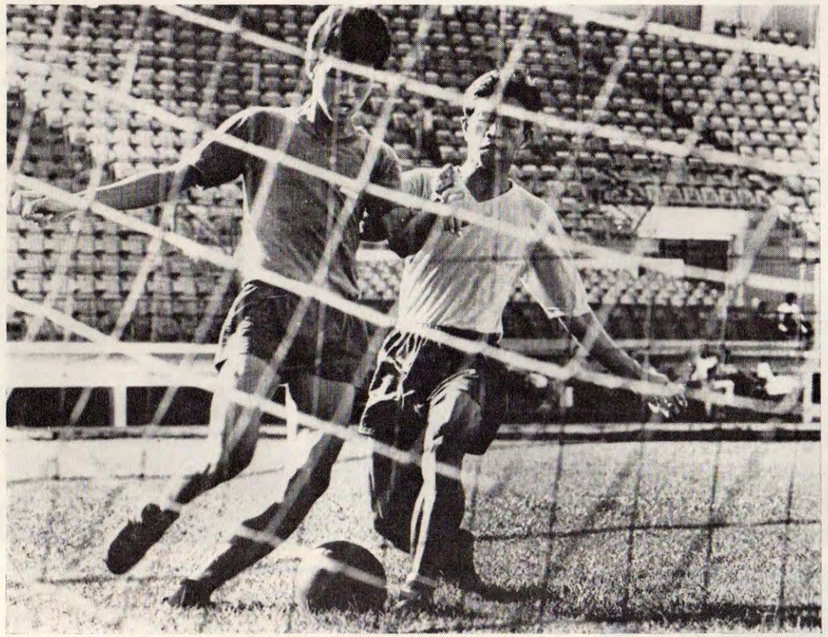

Two members of the South Vietnam team practice for the South East Asia Games tournament and try to forget the unpleasantness of war which envelopes the country. (Planet.)

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Sheffield Wednesday inside-right John Quinn is beaten to the ball by Birmingham 'keeper John Schofield. Birmingham left-half Malcolm Beard watches. (Hanney.)

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CLUB BEFORE COUNTRY IS CHIEF WRANGLE

EUROPEAN COMMENTARY

by GORDON JEFFERY

NOTHING seems more attractive to the popular sporting Press in Britain (and probably elsewhere) than to be able to run a campaign or to plug a particular "party line" — for a short period that is until, not the accomplishment of anything effective by way of reform, but they sense that their mass reading public have got tired of the topic. This attitude apparently appeals to the majority of their readers and may, I accept, be condoned on that account — but it can seldom help the sports nor, I hope, be treated seriously by those who have genuine regard for the particular sport that is being pressurised.

A typical recent example of this cheerful alternate-hot-and-cold attitude (for which no modesty nor sense of personal fallibility can ever disturb the writers concerned) was provided by the before and after reports from Madrid when an England side, written-off as serious 1962 World Cup contenders suddenly became hailed as world-beaters! The same famed sports (all sports) writer who wrote on Sunday that England's approach to international football looked "like a Boy Scouts' outing" was, after the match, enthusing about "England's soccer magnificents" and of their "super-swinging soccer"!

Earlier in this present season we have had "campaigns" about crowd misbehaviour and fightin' and feudin' on the field—and, again typical of the *forced* nature of these campaigns, I remember opening a newspaper on a Monday morning and seeing the next instalment of "More Trouble at Soccer Matches". Unfortunately for the paper, in the entire Football and Scottish League programme of matches, there had been no scenes that could even be magnified into "news". Undeterred, they printed reports of a referee being chased by the crowd at Waterford and of a match being abandoned in Austria!

Hooliganism on the terraces—and outside of the grounds; deliberate incitement and undisciplined retaliation on the field; and other facets of anti-sporting behaviour are major problems for football's administrators everywhere and a source of real concern for all who love the game. But they are neither solved, nor made easier to solve, by being sensationally written-up. Nor will the long-standing "club and country" dilemma that became the major football topic immediately before and after Scotland's match against Italy in Naples.

I suppose, as far as my cuttings show at any rate, this "topic of the moment" really began to get into its stride a week before the match itself when the Scottish party assembled at Largs for collective training—and Law was not with them because Manchester United wanted him for their European Champions Cup match against Vorwarts the following day. But, of course, the story really began at least two years before when, in December 1963, entries for the 1966 World Cup closed. It was a few months later that the groupings for the qualifying competition were made and Scotland knew that, for the second successive competition, they had a difficult task ahead of them. Let that be clearly appreciated—Scotland have been unluckily, unfortunately, or perhaps unfairly treated.

Vorwaerts goalkeeper Zulkowski has the ball safe while Manchester United's Bobby Charlton is grounded. (Green.)

For the 1958 competition they were placed in a qualifying group with Spain and Switzerland. Spain got off on the wrong foot by only drawing at home against Switzerland in the first match played in the group and, by no means for the first or the last time, the opening match turned out to be the decisive one with, in that group during 1957, Spain and Scotland equally sharing the points from the two matches they played against each other but Scotland getting four points from matches against Switzerland. Spain did win their final match in Lausanne against Switzerland but this, of course, was a meaningless victory for them.

Contrast the respective courses to the World Cup finals of Scotland and Spain since then. In 1962 Spain were grouped against Wales with the winner to meet the winners of the small African sub-group (Morocco). Scotland were with the Republic of Ireland and Czechoslovakia. For the present competition the disparity has been even more marked with Spain grouped with the Republic of Ireland and Syria. Syria withdrew because of difficulties in agreeing the dates of their matches against Spain but even had this not happened, Spain's set-task was infinitely easier than Scotland's with three, and not two, opponents in Finland, Poland and Italy—and with the latter two, although the Scots may not have appreciated the fairly high level of Poland's play, amongst the leading European national sides.

That Scotland had a hard job ahead of them in gaining a place in the last 16 has little to do with the "club or country" issue however—it has more to do with seeing preparations for the World Cup competition as a continuing process and not as something to approach on a match-to-match basis. It was not until Scotland's chances were looking faint that we were subjected to the flood of newspaper comment about the release of English club professionals.

This, as I have mentioned, really began one week before the match in Naples with adverse criticism of Matt Busby's retention of Denis Law for duty with Manchester United in the Champions Cup competition instead of releasing him for special training with the Scottish World Cup squad. It was intensified towards the end of the week when "Tommy Docherty, that most patriotic of Scots, last night

(Friday) explained why he felt he had no choice but to put his club before his country. Yesterday Docherty telephoned to recall full-back Eddie McCreadie from the Scottish World Cup party in training at Largs to play for Chelsea against Liverpool."

On Sunday the Scottish party flew into Naples "sadly depleted" with Scottish journalists (and presumably officials but these were "fettered by diplomacy") filled with bitterness "that only Leeds, of the seven English clubs involved, did not recall their players from training with the Scotland party, and that Scottish managers like Busby, Shankly and Docherty insisted their players play in League matches".

It should be noted in passing that the question of the recall of the Leeds players did not really arise since Leeds match at St. James's Park against Newcastle had been postponed because the ground was unfit. Docherty escaped some of the wrath because McCreadie was able to join the Scottish party but the *Daily Express* man, John Mackenzie, asserted that Busby and Shankly should hang their heads in shame. This was because Law and Stevenson—the former "dropped" by the Scots for the home match against Italy, the latter previously ignored by the Scottish selectors—had been injured in their Football League matches and were unfit to travel.

One might almost have thought that their managers had wanted the players to be injured whereas there is always the possibility of players—in training as often as in a match—having to withdrew, and the long list of nominated players for World Cup matches is designed to take account of this. In this particular case there was a further example of this in the day-of-the-match declaration that Willie Henderson was also unfit because of illness.

The defeat of Scotland revived criticism of the managers of English clubs who had "selfishly begrudged Scotland the men needed"—but there were, one was glad to see, some glimpse of deeper thinking; some awareness that "Scotland's preparations for this qualifying competition was pathetic in its insularity and belief that all would be right in the end".

It was left to Bernard Joy, from Madrid, where he had travelled from Naples to see England's match against Spain, to write the "cold truth" that it was the Scots' insularity that makes them 20 years behind the times. He agreed, as I think we all do, that it should have been possible for the Football League to have given English clubs the lead in releasing players. He agreed that it was "desperate bad luck" to lose Law and Stevenson through injury. "But to blame lack of co-operation from England is to ignore that the critical match in the World Cup was the home defeat by Poland" when, as Bernard Joy noted, the Scottish selectors ignored Baxter and, as I might add, they did not want Stevenson!

Scottish players mob goalscorer John Greig after his solo effort against Italy. (M.P.I.)

Pattern

There was never any doubt in the minds of, I am sure, every informed reader of WORLD SOCCER that the pattern of Group 8 was likely to be the equal sharing of points between Scotland and Italy in their two matches but the need for both of them to gain every possible point from their matches against Poland and Finland. The order of the fixtures early gave Scotland the chance of a breakthrough when, last April, Italy dropped a point in Poland. Five weeks later the Scots went to Poland—victory would have put them one up over the Italians. They, like the Italians, had to be content with a draw. Both Italy and Scotland won in Finland then came the disaster of October 13 when Scotland entertained Poland, who had already prejudiced their own slim chance by losing in Helsinki against Finland. It was a goal in under a minute from the kick-off that stifled Polish hopes in Finland: it was two goals in the *last* five minutes scored by Poland at Hampden Park that effectively ended Scotland's chances. From a distance it seemed, when Poland followed this with a seven goals to nil victory over the Finns, that perhaps even if they could not repeat their Hampden victory in Rome against the Italians, at least they might deny the Italians one point.

As it was, Italy's 6-1 win was a strong hint to the Scots of the quality of the opposition whom they needed to beat both at home and away to even earn a play-off. They did acknowledge this to some extent by recalling Jim Baxter—but baffled everyone by excluding Denis Law! Yet that last minute goal by John Grieg kept them within two points of the Italians and, as Bill Shankly commented, "a last-ditch effort" after allowing themselves "to get into the position where they need everybody's help".

And there, before looking at the much wider issue of club or country, I intended to leave Scotland in particular. Only today, however, there comes news of an offer from Brazil to play Scotland at Hampden Park next summer before the World Cup finals—suggested dates are June 25, June 27 or July 1. The Scottish F.A. selection committee have still, as I write, to meet to discuss the offer and it is inconceivable that it will be turned down. Yet consider the *first* instinctive official Scottish reaction: "The suggestion does present difficulties. Clubs may be going on close season tours and there are immense administrative problems. But it is up to the committee."

Will it be a month before the end of the qualifying period for the 1970 World Cup before the Scots again make a last-ditch effort?

Most of the English papers who had become almost hysterical in their outbursts against Busby, Shankly and Co. were having second thoughts by the day after the match in Naples and had broadened their plea for country before club to include the plight of countries such as N. Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Wales. They also threw into the argument the suggestion that the World Cup would be more certain of financial success when played in Britain if Scotland, N. Ireland and Wales had qualified rather than Italy, Switzerland and the Soviet Union. The latter seems to me to be not only wholly irrelevant (and by no means proven to be factually correct) but dangerous, since the logic of it would be that the qualifying competition for the 1970 competition in Mexico ought to be framed to ensure entry of at least one Central American country (apart from the automatic entry of Mexico as hosts) and prob-

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MAGYARS YOUTH LOOK

HUNGARY'S football chiefs will in 1966 put the accent on youth. There will be no fewer than five national competitions to bring young players to the top.

These are as follows:

- A championship of reserves, aimed at giving further opportunities to youngsters leaving the junior age groups;
- The junior championship for 16–18-year-olds, in which players in the younger "adolescent" group can take part if they are past 14;
- The adolescent championship for 13–15-year-olds;
- The national youth football cup, an elimination tournament leading up to national finals; and
- A selection tournament for 14–15-year-olds to encourage sports clubs and to give youngsters an opportunity to meet teams of higher qualification irrespective of divisions.

These plans were announced by the Football Association, who said their aim was to ensure "a continuous rise in the level of Hungarian performance at home and abroad and the upsurge of talented young players".

For top division players this year there will be a longer summer break, giving more latitude at World Cup time. Divisions I and IB start the spring season on March 13, break on June 12, start the autumn season on August 14 and finish on November 6.

Divisions II and III start on March 13, break on June 26, start the autumn season on August 7 and finish on November 13.

In 1967 the number of teams in Division I will be raised from 14 to 16. It will be done in this way: The first and second teams in Division IB at the end of the 1966 season will move up. The two bottom teams in Division I will play the third and fourth teams in IB to decide who goes into Division I in 1967.

Division IB, in 1967, will have 18 teams—made up of those placed fifth to 14th in 1966, plus the two who lose the Division I relegation matches, plus the top three from the two sections of Division II.

Division II will in 1967 be divided into three groups of 16 teams each based on geographical regions. Division III will have nine groups, each of 16 teams.

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NEW-LOOK SPORTS DESIGN

BRITISH equipment for outdoor recreation will be featured in a special exhibition at The Design Centre in the spring of 1966. Called "Time Out—design for leisure", the exhibition will outline the evolution of the major British sports and types of open-air recreation and show how the various products associated with these activities have been developed and perfected.

Equipment manufactured by sophisticated industrial methods will be shown alongside products which still largely depend on the skill of craftsmen for their quality. The exhibition will demonstrate how improved standards of design and production have led to improved performance. "Time Out" will be open from April 27 until May 30.

There will be four major kinds of outdoor recreation dealt with in the exhibition: traditional British games, such as cricket, soccer, rugby, golf and tennis; modern athletics; activities such as camping, hiking, sailing and hill-climbing; and field sports such as shooting, riding and fishing.

The criteria of good design will be explained in the exhibition—with particular reference to performance—and will be illustrated both by items of historical interest and by sectionalised exhibits as well as by equipment in current production. The effects of specifications drawn up by the governing bodies of particular sports to ensure safety or uniformity in performance in equipment will be shown, as will some of the modern aids for measuring sporting achievements.

The exhibits will be chosen by a specially appointed CoID selection committee assisted by independent technical assessors for each sport or type of recreation featured in the exhibition. The exhibition has the support of the Central Council for Physical Recreation.

World Cup Willie fame

WORLD Cup Willie is already firmly established as the Football Association's mascot for World Cup year when the finals of the Jules Rimet Cup will be played in Britain.

Willie—the friendly lion figure dressed in football kit wearing the Union Jack proudly on his chest—will be appearing on labels, tickets, tags and stickers, helping to promote the sale of hundreds of different products, including toys, games and sports equipment. And you will be seeing World Cup Willie car stickers and clothing badges in the shops, too.

These are being printed in their millions in dozens of different shapes and sizes, and are being supplied by Bi-Way British Labels Ltd., Manchester and London.

EUROPEAN COMMENTARY—from previous page

ably an even greater representation from South America (who already get too big a slice of the cake)!

The inescapable fact is that countries with small and/or scattered populations cannot afford full-time professional football, or can only do so with payment to their players that is modest by comparison with that possible in countries like England, Italy, Spain and Germany, where there is either considerable attendances or wealthy sponsorship. The movement of players from Scotland, Ireland and Wales to English clubs is the simplest with no problems of language, citizenship and so on. It should be possible for the British Associations to agree upon some formula for the release of players. I wish, however, it was as possible to see an overall solution because, to give one example, all the time I read the Scottish complaints I was thinking of the movement of the Scandinavians to Scottish clubs. It is true that, so far as I know, Dundee United set a good example by releasing Lennart Wing and Orjan Persson for duty with Sweden, and it was the Danes themselves who seem still to set their faces against selecting professional players, but obviously chances of collective training by national sides are ruled out when so many of their best players have gone foreign.

And one final thought—the *intent* of clubs and national sides must come into any discussion, and harking back to that first refusal of Matt Busby to release Law for training because he was wanted for a European Champions Cup match against Vorwarts, who would dare dispute that Matt Busby and Manchester United have spent the past ten *years* planning and preparing for the day when they win the European Champions Cup? Scotland, by comparison, left their planning and preparations for the World Cup until ten *days* before their last match in the qualifying competition!

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WEST GERMANY

MANY National Associations are currently wearing two faces with regard to stamping out rough and dirty play, but not so the Deutscher Fussball Bund. Unlike Belgium, Spain, and many other countries, who turn a blind eye to players being sent off in European Cup and similar matches, the DFB have clamped down on Werder Bremen, who had two men sent off in their recent clash with Yugoslav champions Partizan, Belgrade. Werder have been fined 1,000 DM (approx. £100) and the two players, Wolfgang Bordel and Arnold Schutz, have both been suspended for two months.

In recent months several clubs have been considering a switch to the English-style manager plus coach set-up as distinct from the manager-coach widely accepted on the Continent. First to change are 1st FC Koln, who have appointed their former international star, Hans Schafer, to be manager, and demoted Georg Knopfle to be coach. Koln appeared to benefit from the change, for in their first game after the switch they hammered league leaders Bayern Munchen by 6-1. Another managerial change has been effected in Berlin, where Tasmania 1900 are now being led by former Spandauer SV chief, Heinz-Ludwig Schmidt. Without even one goal to their credit in the last eight games, Tasmania also improved slightly against Borussia Neuenkirchen, scored, but still went down 3-1.

Until Bayern Munchen's surprisingly heavy defeat in Cologne, three clubs, Bayern, 1860 Munchen and Borussia Dortmund, shared the lead, separated only by goal average, but on the same day 1860 beat Borussia 2-1 to take a two-point lead and with a game in hand are now firm favourites for the title.

Helmut Rahn, the last of the World Cup winning team of 1954 still active, has finally quit Meidericher SV, more than a year after an injury to an Achilles tendon. Now 36, he had been hoping to make yet another come-back.

Georg Knopfle the 1st F.C. Koln manager now acting as club coach. (Metelmann.)

RUSSIA

WITH Dynamo Kiev earning a place in the quarter-finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup, the Russian F.A. has finally been convinced that participation in the European Cup could be advantageous, and authorised their new champions, Torpedo Moscow, to enter for the 1966–67 campaign. After opening up a six-point gap above the rest of the field, Torpedo were almost overtaken by Dynamo Kiev, who accumulated two games in hand while playing in the Cup-Winners' Cup, but in the final run-in Dynamo lost to relegated Torpedo Kutaissi 1-0, and allowed Torpedo to remain on top by one point. Torpedo in 32 games mustered 51 points, while Dynamo Kiev earned 50, and the third club, CSKA Moscow (otherwise known as the Red Army team), were third with 38 points. Dynamo Moscow finished fifth 15 points behind Torpedo, while Spartak were eighth. Amongst the well-known players Torpedo will present in the European Cup are goalkeeper Kavazasvili, and internationals Voronin, Ivanov, Sergejev, Soloviev, and the recently reinstated centre-forward star, Eduardo Streltzov.

Russia's pre-World Cup tour of South America, this time under the control of former Torpedo boss Nikolai Morosov, became yet another triumph. After the 2-2 draw with Brazil in Rio de Janeiro, the team drew 0-0 with a Minas Gerais (Brazil) XI, drew 1-1 with Argentina and then thrashed Uruguay 3-1 in a match which the local critics argued Russia could have won by a cricket score.

HOLLAND

AFTER the recent World Cup failures against Switzerland 0-0 and 1-2 which allowed the Swiss to qualify for the last 16, the Royal Dutch F.A. dismissed English coach Denis Neville, who took care of their squad part-time in addition to his duties with Holland Sport of Scheveningen. Neville's successor is 33 years old George Kessler, who is German-born of a Dutch mother. Living in Holland since 1939, Kessler played with Dutch goalkeeper star Frans de Munck in the 'forties, and studied for a diploma in 1960 at the "Spirtschule" in Koln.

With Feijenoord still suffering from a lack of punch up front, in second place the Amsterdam club Ajax is walking away with the league race. Six points clear of Feijenoord after 12 matches their only other rivals are DWS (also of Amsterdam) and newly promoted FC Twente, who are both one point behind Feijenoord. Top marksman thus far is Piet Kruiver, the Feijenoord spearhead, who has ten goals, followed by PSV's Van der Kuijlen and Bosveld of Sparta with nine and eight respectively.

Ole Madsen, the Sparta summer signing from Denmark, has still not snatched the goals his reputation suggested he would get in the Dutch game, but he did one of his old Danish colleagues a favour by recommending BK Veijle's inside-forward Ole Fritzen to Groningen VAV, and Fritzen pockets an £8,000 signing-on fee.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

THE come-back staged by the new Czech squad built in a matter of weeks by new coach Jozef Mirko is still causing surprise amongst fans who were convinced that Chile boss, Vytlacil, was a genius. Discarding the old guard, Mirko earned seven points from the last four games, and there is little doubt that had he been in charge throughout the campaign, Portugal would at least have been forced to play off with Czechoslovakia before coming to England for the World Cup.

The second Czech coach with a fast growing reputation is Vaclav Jezek, formerly coach of Dukla Prague's Youth teams. Eighteen months ago Jezek was engaged by Sparta, Dukla's local rivals, and immediately won the F.A. Cup. Last season he led Sparta to the championship, and at the half-way mark they are again top and into the quarter-finals of the European Cup after a 3-0 and 2-1 double over Polish champions Gornik Zabrze. Newly promoted Slavia SK are still pressing Sparta close and are second only on goal average, but the rest of the field, headed by Trencin and another freshly promoted club Spartak Hradecs Kralove, are a clear five points behind.

The third big name coach in the news is Dukla's Jaroslav Vejvoda, who was recently dismissed. His departure created no surprise for since their successes with the Masopust, Novak, Pluskal squad built years ago by Karel Kolsky, Dukla have achieved nothing and the younger players groomed by Vejvoda have been disappointing. The new man in charge at Juliska is Bohumil Musil, a former goalkeeper who was coaching the Dukla Reserves, and more than ever now, Dukla directors must be kicking themselves for allowing Jezek to join Sparta.

AUSTRIA

DURING the opening weeks of the season, former international centre-half star Ernst Ocwirk made Vienna fans sit up by steering his new club, FK Austria, into top place with an opening run of eight straight wins. Basing his tactics on his experiences in Italy (with Sampdoria as player and later coach), FK's record then stood at 23 goals for and only six against in eight games. At the half-way mark, however, Ocwirk and FK had slipped to allow Admira-Energie to overhaul them with 21 points from 13 games. FK Austria are one point behind, with SC Rapid third, one point behind FK, and Wiener Sport Club fourth.

The needle match between Linz ASK (champions) and FK Austria, league leaders at the time, produced a real sensation when the referee abandoned the match with Linz losing 3-1. At the disciplinary hearing, the referee claimed he had been "threatened" by Linz 'keeper, Kitzmuller, after sending off his colleague Sturmberger for a foul on Nemec. Kitzmuller was suspended for six months; Sturmberger for four games and, as laid down by the rules, FK Austria were awarded a "technical" 3-0 victory.

More trouble for Linz ASK came from the boardroom, for with the resignation of three directors, including the millionaire vice-president who guaranteed the club's overdraft, the club faces bankruptcy and extinction.

Fans of SC Rapid have been much encouraged by the showing of their new young forwards this term with right-winger Anton Fritsch, who hit two goals against England, the new favourite. For the second half of the campaign, the club has made a real capture in signing Ivan Mraz on loan from Sparta Prague. Mraz, a qualified engineer, has arranged to study in Vienna for two years and Sparta have agreed to his turning out for Rapid, and as Mraz is an amateur, it's free.

YUGOSLAVIA

THE F.A. Inquiry into the recent bribes and illegal payments rumours made Government officials in Belgrade sit up, and Economics Ministry officials began a big probe. The outcome was a charge of misappropriating public funds faced by the President of Zeleznicar (Sarajevo), Mr.

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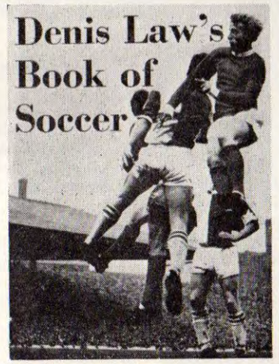
Slavia fan Frantisek Pacak is wheeled by Antonin Pavlicek a supporter of Sparta before the local derby in Prague. (Planet.)

U.S.S.R. Soccer Champions of 1965—TORPEDO (Moscow). L. to r., sitting: A. Mushkovets, O. Sergeev, V. Scherbakov, A. Kavazashvily, E. Shapovalenko, V. Marushko. (Standing front): V. Mikhailov, A. Lenev, V. Ivanov, V. Voronin, V. Andreiuk, V. Shustikov. (Standing back): B. Batanov, V. Brednev, E. Streltsov, V. Saraev. (Planet.)

England already has in its possession one of the largest trophies in the world —the Costa Del Sol Cup seen here in the protection of holders Tottenham Hotspur—now it is hoped that one of the smallest—the World Cup will be added next summer. (R.P.I.)



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OCTOBER 20

England (1) 2 (Bobby Charlton, Connelly) 65,000
Austria (0) 3 (Floge, Fritsch 2)

England: Springett; Cohen, Wilson; Stiles, Jackie Charlton, Moore; Paine, Greaves, Bridges, Bobby Charlton, Connelly.

Austria: Fraydl; Sara, Frank (Dirnberger), Ludescher; Ullmann, Stamm; Fritsch, Buzek, Hasil, Flogel, Macek.

OCTOBER 24

WORLD CUP

Poland (6) 7 (Lubanski 4, Pohl pen., Sadek 2) 40,000
Finland (0) 0

Poland: Szeja; Szczepanski, Gmoch, Oslizlo; Anczok, Pohl; Szoltysik, Liberda, Lubanski, Sadek, Lentner.

Finland: Naesman; Makipaa, Nummila, Kanton; Kaamerava, Syaevara; Lahti, Kumpulampi, Lamberg, Pahlman, Lindskod.

WORLD CUP

Turkey (1) 2 (Feyzi, Nedim) 32,000
Rumania (0) 1 (Ionescu)

Turkey: Nihat; Sukru, Fehmi, Onursal; Sabahattin, Seref; Ogun, Turkay, Nedim, Feyzi, Yasar.

Rumania: Andrei; Bopa, Dancoe, Motroc; Greagu, Vasile; Georgescu, Pircalab, Dimitriu, Ionescu, Codreanu.

OCTOBER 27

WORLD CUP

Belgium (1) 5 (Van Himst 2, Thio 2, Stockman) 30,000
Bulgaria (0) 0

Belgium: Trappeniers; Heylens, Verbiest, Plaskie, Bare; Michiels, Jurion; Thio, Van Himst, Stockman, Puis.

Bulgaria: Deanov; Vassilev, Dimitrov, Gaganelov, Penev; Apostolov, Yantchov; Diev, Asparoukhov, Kotkov, Debarski.

WORLD CUP

Spain (2) 4 (Pereda 3, Lapetra) 46,000
Eire (1) 1 (McAvoy)

Spain: Betancort; Rivilla, Olivella, Reija; Glaria, Zoco; Ufarte, Pereda, Marcelino, Suarez, Lapetra.

Eire: Dunne (P.); Brennan, Cantwell; Foley, Hurley, Meagan; O'Neill, McAvoy, Barber, Giles, Haverty.

WORLD CUP

Wales (1) 2 (Vernon, Allchurch) 34,521
Russia (1) 1 (Banischevski)

Wales: Sprake; Rodrigues, Green; Hennessey, England, Hole; Rees, Vernon, Davies, Allchurch, Reece.

Russia: Kavazashvili; Ponomarev, Afamine, Chesternev, Danilov; Voronin, Malafeyev; Metreveli, Banischevski, Meskhi, Khousainov.

WORLD CUP

Denmark (1) 1 (Fritzen) 28,000
Greece (1) 1 (Sideris)

Denmark: Moeller; Hartwig, Karl Hansen, Thorup; Bert Hansen, Jens Hansen, Petersen, Fritzen, Troelsen, Andersen, Bille.

Greece: Fronimidis; Sofiandis, Domazos, Kamaras; Polychroniou, Zaderoglou; Simidalas, Haitas, Sideris, Skevolifax, Papazoglou.

OCTOBER 31

WORLD CUP

Portugal (0) 0 50,000
Czechoslovakia (0) 0

Portugal: Carvalho; Festa, Germano, Jose Carlos; Hilario; Ferrera Pinto, Coluna; Jose Augusto, Torres, Eusebio, Simoes.

Czechoslovakia: Vencel; Lala, Horvath, Popluhar, Smolik; Kriaverik, Kvasnak; Vesely, Hrdlicka, Jokl, Kabat.

WORLD CUP

East Germany (0) 1 (Noldner) 95,000
Austria (0) 0

East Germany: Weigang; Fraesdorf, Walter, Pankau, Geister; Koerner, Erler; Roland Ducke, Noldner, Peter Ducke, Vogel.

Austria: Fraydl; Cejka, Sturmberger, Ullmann, Ludescher; Hasil, Dirnberger, Fritsch, Buzek, Flogel, Macek.

OCTOBER 31

Algeria (0) 0 18,000
Morocco (0) 0

Algeria: Zerga; Beloucif, Atoui, Zidane; Defnoun, Bourouba; Beroudji, Zitoun, Lalmas, Aouadj, Achour.

Morocco: Allai; Hatab, Fadili, Hajjami; Amar, Mokhtatif; Mustapha, Jennane, Bouassa, Bakous, Ali.

● More next month

Transfer business is crazy

Story by TOM JAGGER

SPLIT thinking about this crazy soccer transfer business has got everybody in Britain mixed up, and the rest of the world wondering.

Somewhere, at some point along the line, there is a solution, but, unfortunately, no one has discovered it yet.

So, meanwhile, they are saying in such far away places as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States that if Britain, who taught the world, cannot solve her soccer problems, how on earth can they be expected to do so.

It is painfully obvious now that some hard, new thinking will have to be done about a system which belies almost anything Heath Robinson could have conjured up in his brightest mood.

We have, on the one hand, clubs with tremendous, strangling overdrafts, and others somehow surviving on shoestring budgets, while a favoured dozen or so toss the big cheques around with the careless abandon of millionaires.

Then, again, there are players searching for part-time jobs to boost their weekly wage packets, while the top crust of the profession is worried only in case a stuffed wallet falls out of an inside pocket and crushes their toes!

Frightened off

The chase after Wyn Davies fiercely spotlighted the whole trouble as Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday and Sunderland elbowed each other for space in the queue, stoutly refusing to be frightened off with that £80,000 price tag.

Bolton boss Bill Ridding, one of the straightest guys in the business, refused to turn it into an auction, as so many others would have done, and, instead, merely told inquiring clubs the price the board had settled upon.

They learned the price, and were told it would be no more, and no less.

Davies also said that once terms had been agreed, he himself would merely want talks with the club concerned, and then dash to North Wales for a final talk with his mother.

Everything appeared to be so simple, and everybody was thankful there were not going to be any long drawn-out negotiations as there have been in some transactions over recent years.

It looked so easy that many newspapers wrote up the signing in advance, merely waiting for a posted staffman to 'phone a release.

But, like many things which seem strangely lacking in difficulties, it turned out to be nothing of the kind because first Sunderland, then Newcastle, and finally Wednesday pulled out of the discussions, leaving Bolton with Davies playing for them once again.

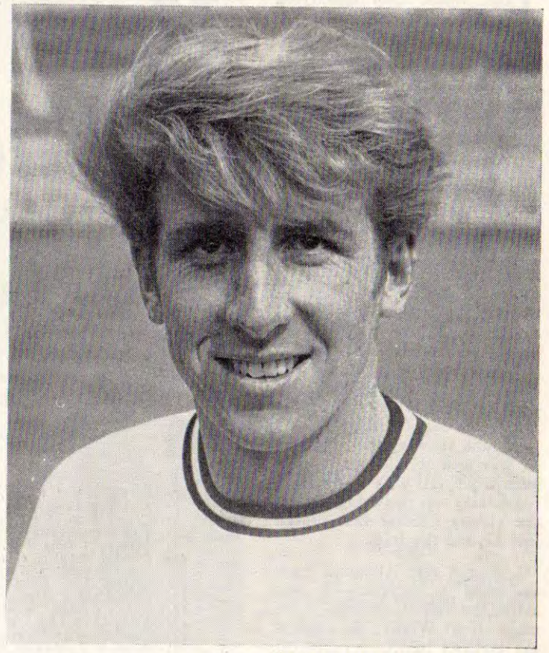
"Now they ask for a signing cheque of £500, or £1,000. Or even more"

It has been suggested that negotiations came a cropper because of Davies's personal demands which, in some quarters, are reported to have been as high as £7,000.

It is apparent that something must be done to control a spiral which is commercialising sport out of the game.

Of course, this financial aspect has been gradually threatening to strangle soccer for years. In fact, ever since Alf Common became the first £1,000 transfer when he moved from Sunderland to Middlesbrough in February, 1905.

The figure has been gradually rising. It went up only slowly for the first 20 years after that, yet gradually reached the five-figure mark with Trevor Ford's trip from Swansea Town to Aston Villa in 1947.



WYN DAVIES, Bolton Wanderers' Welsh international centre-forward is a strong leader and a fast mover. A native of Caernarvon he joined the Lancashire club from Wrexham. (P.A.I.)

Next came the rush for Scottish talent, and it found English clubs paying out like madmen. Believe it or not, in a three-year span linking 1958 to 1961, they forked out almost £450,000.

Last summer there was a spending spree of over £175,000, so that the seven-year pay-out to the Scots tots up to nearly £1,500,000. Fantastic!

Are the Scots likely to check that in the near future? No. A thousand times No. They are in no mood to halt the drift south at the expense of their pockets.

I have talked it over with many, and, in effect, they say: "Why should we be so heartless as to try and stop a player going to a club which is willing to pay him twice or three times as much as we can afford, and, anyway, we have an endless supply of bright youngsters coming along all the time."

That is the club's side of the problem. The players' side concerns the chunk they get out of a deal. Gone are those days when clubs tried tempting players with little backhanders, or rented comfy little suburban villas for them to occupy.

I well remember a well-known chairman once telling me about a player's demands in the days when that kind of thing was punishable. Said the chairman: "He actually had the nerve to ask me if I would arrange for his house to be decorated before he moved in, and pay for a new carpet."

What happened? The player got the sharp end of the chairman's tongue.

Now, they ask for a personal signing cheque of £500. Or £1,000. Or even more. And usually get it. In fact— and this will give you an idea of the cash in the game for players, nowadays—it is estimated that players changing clubs within the last twelve months have been paid over £80,000.

The Players' Union does not admit all this, of course. Actually, it would be difficult for them to do so because these figures are often kept private between club and player though, somehow, they have a habit of leaking out.

But Cliff Lloyd, the Players' secretary, makes a good point when he says: "If a player's ability is being sold can he be blamed for negotiating the best possible terms for himself?"

It's a problem.

More Cup places clinched

THE World Cup qualifying matches played in November went most of the way towards completing the proud list of the 16 finalists. France and West Germany made no mistakes in their final matches against Luxembourg and Cyprus respectively to make certainty of what was already probability, and Spain, albeit by only a single goal, won the play-off against the Republic of Ireland—again as expected.

INTERNATIONAL POST-MORTEM

Each month on these pages we go back over the major internationals played since the last issue. The particular games featured are indicated at the head of the article for quick reference. .

by GORDON JEFFERY

November	1:	Italy 6 Poland 1	Rome	(WC)
,,	6:	France 4 Luxembourg 1	Marseilles	(WC)
,,	7:	Cyprus 0 Sweden 5	Famagusta	(WC)
,,	7:	Yugoslavia 1 Norway 1	Belgrade	(WC)
,,	9:	Scotland 1 Italy 0	Glasgow	(WC)
,,	10:	Spain 1 Republic of Ireland 0	Paris	(WC)
,,	10:	Israel 0 Belgium 5	Tel Aviv	(WC)
,,	10:	England 2 N. Ireland 1	Wembley	
,,	14:	Switzerland 2 Netherlands 1	Berne	(WC)
,,	14:	Cyprus 0 West Germany 6	Nicosia	(WC)
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,,	21:	Czechoslovakia 3 Turkey 1	Brno	(WC)
,,	21:	Rumania 2 Portugal 0	Bucarest	(WC)
,,	21:	Israel 1 Bulgaria 2	Tel Aviv	(WC)
,,	21:	N. Korea 6 Australia 1	Phnom Penh	(WC)
,,	24:	N. Korea 3 Australia 1	Phnom Penh	(WC)
,,	24:	Albania 1 N. Ireland 1	Tirana	(WC)
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Belgium and Bulgaria moved towards their inevitable play-off by each winning in Israel although the Bulgarians left it rather late in the match before nosing in front of the Israelis. Late too was the goal in Berne that gave the Swiss their odd goal in three victory over the Dutch and sent Northern Ireland to Tirana knowing that they had to win against Albania to gain even a play-off with Switzerland—knowing was one thing, getting the victory another that proved just beyond the Irish.

I do not rate Albania's draw as being a surprise—it was rather the logical outcome to the series of six World Cup qualifying matches in which, although beaten in the first five matches, they had never been outplayed, and in which they had gained sufficiently in experience to take advantage of being at home in the last match to mark up their first point. Nor was there any real reason for describing N. Korea's qualification as a surprise. We had some information upon which to assess the likely level of play of the Australian side—partly performances and results against touring clubs but, as Eric Batty I think pointed out recently in WORLD SOCCER or *Soccer Star*, these are always deceptive since English clubs in particular on tour in the Football League close season are "on holiday"; and partly and more significantly from the fact that the majority of the more recently settled English and Scottish lads in the Australian squad had records in British football that suggested that their level was in professional and semi-professional non-League play in Britain. Thus Australia's stock could not be rated particularly high. North Korea's could not be rated at all—and the likely results of their meetings were thus too full of unknown factors to be assessed. If the actual results did come as a shock it was only because the possibility of a Commonwealth country appearing in the finals had seemed attractive both from the point of view of the immediate greater spectator attraction and possibly of the longer-termed value to the development of the game in Australia.

One can, of course, regret that either N. Korea or Australia were certain of a place in the final 16 that is denied to countries like the improving Czechoslovakia (the improvement coming too late of course), the useful Rumanians who *at home* have shown themselves the masters of Portugal, and, of course somewhere between the writing and the printing of this commentary, to the losers of the final match between Italy and Scotland. That this opportunity came to N. Korea and Australia is directly the consequence of the forfeiture of the African nations and, although we all hope that something better will come from Sir Stanley Rous's proposals for future qualifying competitions, it does seem that likely Afro-Asian group winners like Algeria, Ghana or Tunisia were lacking in forethought. After all Mexico invariably have to play a long string of matches to qualify and few if any more would have been required for the Afro-Asian group winners under the original draw.

At the moment little is known about the North Koreans—nor, as I write, have I much information about their two matches against the Australians. The latter, as Andrew Dettre reported in last month's WORLD SOCCER, took a party of some 21 players to Cambodia and, according to my present information, used 16 of them in the two matches against North Korea. In the first match John Roberts (in whom Chelsea are reported to have shown interest) was in goal with Nigel Shepherd and Stan Ackerley the full-backs. Pat Hughes, the stopper Bill Rice, and Leslie Scheinflug formed the half-back line with Geoffrey Sleight, Jimmy Anderson, Archie Blue, John Watkins and Dave Todd the forwards. The Koreans' line-up was: Li Chan Myung; Pak Li Sub, Shin Yung Kyoo; Kang Bong Chil, Lim Zoong Sun, Kim Soung Kwi; Hang Bong Zim, Pak Doo Ik, Pak Suong Zim, Kang Ryong Woon, Kim Soung Il.

Oppressive

The heat and atmosphere in near-Equatorial Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, was reported to have been oppressive but I don't think there is much evidence to suggest that this would have been more to the North Koreans' liking than to the Australians'—geographically Cambodia was as near to midway between the two countries as one could plan for and, this I do seem to recall from long ago, it gets very cold in North Korea! The attendance, variously reported for the first match as 65,000, 60,000 and 40,000 (we must wait for the official figures), was probably closer in sympathy to the Koreans and this may have helped the latter steadily increase their interval lead of one goal to nil to the final emphatic six goals to one.

The second match was played three days later—reported attendance 60,000 (and one would expect this to be bigger than for the first match) and the Koreans with the decided advantage of a convincing victory behind them. There was but one change in their line-up—Kim Yung Kil was at inside-right, but several in the Australians'. According to the reports I have sene, Leslie Scheinflug and John Watkins changed positions and, in addition, Bill Rorke (goal), Billy Cook (left-back), Roy Blitz (outside-right)—a townsman of mine, Steven Herczeq (centre-forward) and Jimmy Pearson (outside-left) came in.

Three minutes

The positional switch seems to have had some effect with Scheinflug opening the scoring after a quarter of an hour's play but it was only three minutes later that Kim Soung Il equalised. Then, in the second half, Kang Ryong Woon (after 54 minutes) and Kim Soung Il again (75 minutes) added further goals for the Koreans without reply. Is inside-left Woon another Pelé? Il another Charlton?—We must wait, with considerable eager curiosity if little expectation, for next July!

And next July we shall be seeing the Swiss in action again in the World Cup finals. They were amongst the more fortunate of qualifiers for the 1962 finals as, with ten minutes to play, Sweden were holding the Swiss to a two-all draw in the final group match—a score that was giving Sweden seven points to Switzerland's five. Then Eschmann scored to give Switzerland a win that earned them a play-off—and in the 72nd minute of that play-off Tony Allemann placed a corner precisely for Antenen to nod into the net. Switzerland had beaten Sweden 2-1 to book their trip to

Chile. They lost all three matches they played in the 1962 Finals but pleased everyone who saw them play. A similar position seems likely in the 1966 finals but in mid-October few people would have given much for Switzerland's chances of qualifying without even the necessity this time of a play-off. The position then was that Switzerland had six points with matches to be played home and away against the Netherlands; N. Ireland had seven points with one match to play against Albania in Tirana; and the Netherlands had five points. The likeliest outcome of the two matches between Switzerland and the Netherlands was that they would equally share the four points—a consequence that would have meant that anything but defeat would have ensured N. Ireland of a play-off.

Then in October the Swiss gained ground by drawing with the Netherlands in Amsterdam—a goalless match that, at the Dutch end, was followed by an unhappy public disagreement that came to a head with three Ajax (Amsterdam) players, Keizer (outside-left against Switzerland), Henk Groot (centre-forward) and Ko Prins (outside-right), declaring that they did not intend playing again for the national side this season, and involved considerable feeling that part-time coach Denis Neville was out of sympathy with players coming from Amsterdam, Rotterdam or The Hague. The three players were duly omitted from the team for the vital return match against Switzerland although oddly it was an Ajax player, the recalled Jacques Swart, who filled one of the vacancies. The 'keeper, Eddy Pieters Graafland, and the defensive four of Flinkevleugel, Schrijvers, Veldoen and Israel, were unchanged but Piet Fransen and Theo Laseroms took the places of Muller and Burgers in the linking midfield roles—a second appearance for Laseroms who had played in the April drawn match against N. Ireland at the Feijenoord Stadium, and a return to favour for the talented Fransen. Helping these two in midfield was a new "cap", Miel Pijs of PSV, and the goals were expected to come from Swart, Piet Kruiver and Coen Moulijn—Kruiver had played in the home match against Switzerland but not Moulijn.

Italian goalkeeper Negri jumps to save from the Polish attack. Italy trounced Poland 6–1 in this World Cup tie in Rome. (Planet.)

Switzerland for this vital match also showed several changes including the return of Allemann and Schindelholz to the wings and the first appearance of 1965 for Odermatt. They opened the scoring in the tenth minute with a goal by Hosp and held that advantage until the ninth minute of the second half when Kruiver equalised. Even a draw, however, would have left Switzerland with eight points to the Netherlands' seven and the Dutch needed still to go all out for victory. The goal when it came, however, three minutes from time, went to the Swiss, and Tony Allemann, the goalmaker in 1961, was the goalscorer this time. The Dutch were thus out of the race. The Swiss had to wait upon N. Ireland's visit to Tirana.

A distance

Here in Tirana the Albanians were also out of the race—beaten by, in racing terms, a distance—but they were not disposed to forfeit their chance of getting just one World Cup competition point! A fortnight before the Irish had followed their home win over Scotland by coming close to holding England to a draw at Wembley—the shock of that startling 5-0 home defeat they had suffered against Wales last March had disappeared with their subsequent draw in Rotterdam and home win over Albania, being followed by the autumn success over Scotland and a fair performance against England—and for the match against Albania the Irish were able to field the team that had played against both Scotland and England. It was, like all Irish teams, something of a mixture with players like Magill (Brighton—Third Division) being asked to raise their game, but others like Crossan, Dougan and Best capable of playing as well as anyone in Britain.

Maybe it would have been better for the Irish had they last played together as a team on Derry City's ill-starred Brandywell Road pitch instead of at Wembley because, on the wet, frustrating afternoon in Tirana, they never mastered the rough, tufty pitch. The Albanians, as all must have anticipated, packed their defence and a much below form Ireland grew increasingly uneasy at their failure to penetrate—nor were they helped by

Scottish goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson saves well from the oncoming Wyn Davies of Wales (second right). (M.P.I.).

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More problems for managers

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

THE fact that Edmondo Fabbri, team manager of Italy, has been given a contract that stretches into 1970, past the next World Cup but one, shows that new thinking is taking place in football. The fact that Ipswich Town refused to release a disgruntled Bill McGarry to manage Wolves, at an alleged £7,000 a year, shows that there are still problems to be ironed out.

In giving Fabbri his five-year contract-extension, the Italian Federation had an interesting object in view. Tacitly, they were acknowledging the fact that they couldn't nope to match the salaries he might get from the biggest professional clubs. In their place, they were giving him security of tenure.

As for the McGarry case, one sympathises with McGarry, but cannot for a moment impugn the behaviour of Ipswich. They had McGarry on contract for what seemed a fair, even a generous, salary for a Second Division club manager. Their point, and who could argue with it, was simply that contracts are made to be kept, otherwise what earthly use can there be in making them at all?

Intelligent

Ipswich are renowned as a decent, fair dealing club with an intelligent and generous board. Other clubs, in England and elsewhere, deal in a far less gentlemanly way with their managers. In such cases, contracts appear to be made virtually to be broken. And when they cannot be set aside, the pattern is always the same. The manager is thrown out of office, but has to be paid for doing nothing, until his contract comes to an end. In England, he usually is paid.

Oldham Athletic, for example, are still paying Les McDowall, who parted company with them some time ago, and recently it looked as if they might re-engage their old manager, Jack Rowley, so that they would then have two discarded managers to pay, plus the manager who was in office!

In Italy, alas, there are frequent cases of defenestrated managers—and two matches lost on the run put a manager in danger—having to bring legal action, to recover the money he is owed.

The Italian situation is, and for long has been, farcical. I make no apology for repeating a story Bela Guttmann told me, early in 1955, which seemed to me at the time perfectly to illustrate the irrational relationship between Italian clubs and their managers.

Edmondo Fabbri (left) with an Italian coach. (M.8.)

I met Guttmann in a restaurant in Via Frattina, in the centre of Rome, where I used to eat, at lunchtime. He had just been sacked as manager of Milan, even though Milan were firmly ensconced at the top of the Championship. They had run into a bad patch, their directors had panicked, Guttmann had gone. Bitterly, he said that in future he was going to insist on a special clause in every future contract he signed: "not to be dismissed while club is top of the League". Then he told his story.

Some years previously, when the little Tuscan club, Lucchese, were in the Italian First Division, they had to play away to the mighty Juventus. A hard enough task; harder still when their manager died on the way.

The directors were beside themselves. Desperately, they telephoned all over the country for a replacement; and at last they found one. That Sunday, Lucchese went out, played, forced a draw; and carried the new manager off the field, shoulder high!

There could scarcely be a finer illustration of the sheer totemism with which managers in Italy are regarded. Nor is it wholly absent, let us confess, in Britain.

Yet nobody is really quite sure how much a manager really does. Is he responsible for his team's failure or success; or would it have come about in any case? I am reminded of a famous American strip cartoon, involving animals, living in the swamps of Louisiana. On one occasion, they were lost, the rain was pouring down and—turning to a new manager!—they appointed an alligator as their leader. "There you are," said the alligator, shortly afterwards, "look: it's stopped raining." "But you take no credit for that," say the other animals. "Why not?" replies the alligator. "It happened during my administration, didn't it?"

Released

Bob Jackson was manager of the splendid Portsmouth team which won the League Championship twice in a row, in 1949 and 1950. But he left Portsmouth to manage Hull City, was released by Hull, since when practically nothing has been heard of him in football. At the same time, Portsmouth, now a struggling Second Division side, have never since come near to winning the Championship. Where do you go from there?

What one needs, clearly, is a new deal for managers; something on the lines, to borrow James Burnham's phrase, of a Managerial Revolution. Clubs must simply be convinced that if they take up and discard managers like so many pairs of shoes, they will have to pay the penalty for it. Not only should they be forced to honour the sacked managers' contracts in full; they should also be obliged to pay a

fine to the League. Or, if you like, call it a fee, each time a new manager is appointed. I would go further still and limit strictly the number of managers allowed to a club over a given period; a maximum of two every three seasons would be quite enough.

There are, of course, arguments against such a practice. Just as a player who refuses to be transferred can often be made to feel most uncomfortable by his club, so can a manager. Directors might snub or humiliate him, players would sense his lost authority, and perhaps react accordingly. Again, there is the problem of what happens when a manager resigns, as opposed to being dismissed. Nowadays, it is the fashion for a man's face to be saved in such a manner; he isn't publicly sacked, he is forced into resignation.

My own feeling is that for such purposes, resignation should be taken as dismissal. If a club and its Board create conditions in which a manager no longer finds he can work, then it is tantamount to sacking him. There could, of course, be certain specific exceptions, in the case of illness, death, or release to take a better paid job.

Clearly if Ipswich *had* let

McGarry go to Wolves, it would have been quite absurd to penalise them. By the same token, one could not punish Bournemouth because Reg Flewin, their manager, was taken ill, and forced to resign.

Legislation such as this would be in the clubs' best interests. Chopping and changing managers can only have the most unhappy effects on a team. In Italy, we can look at the sad example of Bologna, who, under Fulvio Bernardini, became the second club outside Milan and Turin to win the Championship since the war, then sacked him at the end of the following season, which happened to be a mediocre one. It hasn't done them any good. Scopigno, appointed in his stead, lasted only five matches. Now they have Luis Carniglia, the Argentinian, and are still shedding points like petals in a gale.

Not new

For Bernardini, now general manager of Sampdoria, this has been no new experience. Was it not he who became the very first manager to win the title with a non-Milanese or Torinese team, when he took it with Fiorentina? Did he not take them all the way to the European Cup Final, the following year, 1957, and did not his head fall in turn, when things began to go wrong? I remember talking to him on the Fiorentina ground, not long after they had lost that Final to Real; in Madrid, at that.

In England, I told him, a season such as Fiorentina's would have been accounted a successful one. He received the news very wryly; clearly he already sensed what was on the way.

Meanwhile, it is quite apparent that no change of heart is coming from the clubs themselves; and until it's forced on them, a manager's life will be an infinitely harassed, infinitely worrying one. No wonder so many gifted managers drop out of the game, content to settle for less money, no fame and a rational existence

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the whistle-happy antics of a referee who seemed to be looking for trouble whilst the players were content to get on with the play. Then, however, with half an hour to go Irvine got the goal that surely should have earned them a play-off with Switzerland and would, I think, have led to their appearance in the July Finals. Instead, 15 minutes later, Albania scored only their second World Cup goal—it was enough to get them a point, and for the Swiss representative at the match, national coach Foni, to go home happy at his country's qualification. For Ireland all that remained were the recriminations.

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A REVOLUTION IN TACTICS MAY BE SEEN IN THE FUTURE AS MORE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON VERSATILITY AMONG PLAYING STRENGTHS

THE DAY OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE XI

IN last month's WORLD SOCCER I referred to Willy Meisl's book, "Soccer Revolution", and his forecast that tactics would finally take the shape of a wheel. He envisaged a day when players would not be known by their positional functions—inside-left, left-back—but simply as players, and at every given moment in the game the player would act according to the needs of the moment. With all players except the goalkeeper, attacking and defending in turn, the player's number would serve only to help spectators identify the performers, instead as now, limiting and restricting the player's scope.

The revolution began some years ago, and in the world's leading teams is already well under way, though at the level of Second or Third Divisions throughout the world, the changes are almost imperceptible. This is not surprising for the modern game demands a very high standard of individual skill and intelligence from players and coaches, and generally speaking only the top layer—the cream of the clubs—can expect to have players and a coach in this class.

The move towards the wheel can be seen in almost any top class game in the shape of full-backs who suddenly burst from defence to attack, when the opportunity to put the back clear on an "overlap" presents itself. With or without the ball a left-winger nowadays often seeks to create space between the opposing back and the near touch-line (by moving inside, away from the line). His own left-back or left-half spotting the space being created should be ready, and with many teams employing a sweeper even both defensive players may be called into play, the same move which we can call a "double-overlap". West Ham, Chelsea and Liverpool are just three of the teams I have seen attempting to create the chance for their full-backs to break through and temporarily become left-wingers. The orthodox winger creates the space, and the half-back or full-back behind him suddenly races up to collect a pass in "space" and, running on towards goal, pulls out an opponent to challenge him. If no defender moves out, then the back will reach a shooting position and this can be seen in the relatively high proportion of goals now being scored in league and international matches by full-backs.

The double-overlap must be employed when a well drilled defence incorporates a "libero" free-back or sweeper whose job it is to cover all his defensive colleagues. In many teams the libero merely positions himself behind his centre-half to prevent a break through the middle but in FC Internazionale Picchi, the captain and libero, has an extra function.

Watch Picchi closely—ignore the ball and watch him only—and it will be seen that Picchi is constantly surveying the entire field. His extra duty is to spot *any* threatened break-through, direct or indirect, including the overlapping full-back. Space can be created within Inter's defence just as easily as it can be created elsewhere, because the Inter defenders are under instructions to mark "tight" and tackle quickly. To be in a position to do this they must be willing to follow the man they have been given by their coach constantly, and this makes creating space very easy.

Without the ball, the winger moves inside (taking the full-back with him as shadow) and leaving space into which the right-back moves to pick up a pass from his inside-right. Against many teams this move is really dangerous, for the new "winger" has broken through easily and effectively without giving the opposing defence a chance of gaining possession of the ball as an orthodox winger does when he attempts to beat his immediate opponent.

Against the good class club, the move works well, but against Inter it falls down very often because Picchi has seen the space and spotted the full-back coming. Frequently Picchi will intercept the pass, and even if he fails to achieve this he is immediately positioned as the "new" back challenging the "new" winger. Just as an orthodox winger frequently fails to dribble past his opponent, so the new winger often fails, and the element of surprise created by the overlap against many teams is seldom won against Inter and Picchi.

Inter's captain Picchi is the man with the "sweeper" role. (Metelmann.)

Overlap

To put a player (any player coming from behind) through on an overlap against Inter, we need a double—the first man moving outside the back receiving the ball and then passing it on to a second colleague coming from behind (Rugby-style), who will now be free if all goes well, even against Picchi! The only answer to this, if the move is carried out well, is a "double" double-cover or a "libero II" to cover the "libero I", and no team has yet become as defensive as this!

On both flanks, the best trained teams (the best coached that is) are attempting to create an overlap, and at the same time some teams are encouraging their wingers to drop back and give cover when needed to their full-back colleague behind. The Brazilians were first into this field, with left-winger Zagalo often dropping so far back that he played for short periods like an orthodox left-back, and once in the 1958 World Cup final actually headed a scoring shot off his own goal-line with goal-keeper Gylmar already beaten! With full-backs eager to seize the chance to become "wingers" and wingers willing to drop back and cover their defensive colleagues,

ERIC BATTY on tactics and teams

we are already well on the way towards Willy Meisl's "wheel", for this surely is the first step towards what he had in mind.

Helenio Herrera is probably the leading figure in the new tactical revolution following the theories of the philosophers and putting them into practice. He began some years ago, while in Spain as boss of CF Barcelona, who two years in a row carried off the Spanish championship while Read Madrid were at their all-conquering peak.

At that time, CF Barcelona had assembled a group of top-class players who numbered around 17 or 18. The key men—the wing-halves, the inside-forwards and the wingers—were all slightly different in style, and by choosing his XI for each game according to the enemy and the probabilities, Herrera was able to change the tactical character of his team from one game to the next.

I recall some years ago writing in WORLD SOCCER about H.H. and explaining how he had shattered Wolverhampton Wanderers in the European Cup, 4-0 in Spain and 5-2 in England. For the first leg in Barcelona, Herrera fielded an attacking team with Verges at right-half, and Kubala in attack. Having earned a four-goal lead for the second leg, Herrera now sought to increase his lead by counter-attacking and showed his determination to do this by leaving both Kubala and Verges at home in Barcelona because they were essentially "attacking" players.

Tempt

At Molineux, Barcelona fielded "withdrawn" wingers and defensive wing-halves aiming to contain the Wolves' attack, and tempt their defensive colleagues up in a bid to break-through. When this happened and CFB won possession, Suarez as the midfield general, hit pin-pointed long passes for the constantly interchanging strikers Kocsis and Martinez to chase, and the result was a shattering 5-2 defeat for Wolves at Molineux, where no other foreign team had ever been able to win!

It is accepted now throughout the world that for European Cup type matches, the unwritten rules are "defend away and win at home". Here, however, the problems are clear for all to see and are inflexible. Away to Real Madrid, Benfica or Internazionale opponents seek to come away with a draw or at worst a two-goal defeat, and to achieve this most coaches opt for a defence, reinforced by playing a reserve centre-half at inside-right and a reserve wing-half on the left wing, and then to ask every player to "tackle back" when he loses the ball and to drop back into midfield to help harass the opposition at every opportunity. Tactically the line-up for an away first leg in the European Cup can be described as 1:4:3:2 varying to 1:8:1 for poorer class teams away to the giants in the Latin countries.

Seeking

This is still the accepted pattern, but the best class sides headed by Helenio Herrera's FC Internazionale are now seeking to school their best 11 players to play the game according to their chief's instructions. Where once the tactical framework would be changed by replacing a goal-scoring inside-forward with a wing-half or scheming inside-forward just for one game, and fielding an extra wing-half on one of the wings, now the inside-forwards and wingers are being asked to change their "game".

The need for this has presented itself often in competitive games in the international arena. For the first leg a team is content to defend, but on a day when things go wrong—they may go badly wrong as they did for Inter in last season's semi-final clash with Liverpool at Anfield. On such a day, a team may find itself four goals down resulting from a combination of bad luck, defensive mistakes. Referees giving unjustified penalties and the like. Knowing that in the second leg, the visitors will be content to defend with 11 men, the coach may decide that he "must" attempt to restore the balance to reasonable proportions and steal a goal or two back to make the second leg target a reasonable one. To do this he must have creative players and scoring players and if he has fielded a purely defensive team for the first leg (away) he may have left his Kubala, his Verges at home!

To be able to change the character of his team at will, the coach must educate his players, teach them to think "football" and not rely purely on their natural ability. He must also give them experience playing in various roles, and illustrate his lectures with films and training demonstrations and practice.

Kubala was left out of the Barcelona team against Wolves for very good reasons as Eric Batty explains on this page. (Central.)

Once it was enough to have 18 players of differing abilities on the pay-roll and to permutate their individual talents according to the strengths of the opposition, ground advantage, climatic conditions and the anticipated tactics of the enemy. Now it is necessary to be able to change the tactical framework of a team at will, and to do this demands multi-purpose players (the great ones) and dual purpose players (the good class average player).

When only a handful of the world's best teams have reached this level, we will be very close indeed to Willy Meisl's "Wheel".

Looking ahead to next year's World Cup, if we are to spot a likely winner we must seek a team with the greatest number of multi-purpose players, for the tactical demands made on the players are going to be greater than ever before. Brazil's boss, Vicente Feola, stated recently that any team which gives away the first goal in a match is going to find itself in *real trouble*. The winning team will surely fall back into a defensive shell, and attempt to play out time and win 1-0.

Now if we field a 4-3-3 team of "specialists", i.e., strikers, schemers, defenders and a libero, we are going to find ourselves in extra difficulty if a high proportion of our team cannot switch effectively to a positive attacking game. We cannot continue to play a cautious 4-3-3 for the enemy, winning 1-0 have gone over to 1:8:1, and if we are to restore the balance we must attack with skill, intelligence and real purpose.

If we go on playing to 4-3-3 then we shall lose by that opening goal 1-0. It is as simple as that.

When two well matched teams —England v. Hungary, Brazil v. Portugal, for example, clash in the 1966 World Cup *both* teams will play cautiously. The tactics for both sides will be close to 4-3-3 and the aim clearly to prevent their opponents from scoring, and by counter-attacking when the opportunities arise, seek to score a breakaway goal. One up we will now play 1:3:4:2 making it very difficult for our opponents to equalise, while we are still counter-attacking from time to time, and always with the chance that we shall increase our lead to 2-0.

To switch from 4:3:3 to 1:3:4:2 we need *at least* two dual-purpose players capable of fulfilling two roles in the highest class of competition. These two must be a defensive wing-half who can also play the "sweeper" or "libero" role, and a forward who can score goals and fall back to work in midfield.

This is the minimum requirement, for some teams may become even more defensive if they get in front ... even early on, perhaps in the first minute! Now suppose that instead of scoring the first goal and switching from 4:3:3 to 1:3:4:2 we *concede* the first goal. Our opponents have switched to defence and clearly if we are to restore the balance we must attack, still retaining caution, but attack just the same.

To switch from a comparatively defensive system (4:3:3) to a more offensive 3:3:4 we still need at least two *dual purpose* players, i.e., a centre-back who can move out into midfield and play well in the loose and a midfield player who can move up to score goals.

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Real Madrid goalkeeper Antonio Betancourt clears the ball from an attack by Kilmarnock's inside-right, Jacky McNally (dark jersey and shorts), during the first-round, first-leg European Cup tie at Kilmarnock. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. (Planet.)

HEARTS ARE TRUMPS

SCOTTISH NEWS by JOHN STONE

AMID all the excitement of Scotland's last-ditch effort at World Cup qualification, and the highly-satisfactory performances of Celtic, Dunfermline and Kilmarnock in Europe, two of the most significant happenings have been confined very much to the home front.

The first was when Hearts, tottering unsteadily from one match to another, after their fine season last year, went out and paid Wolves £20,000 for the former Dunfermline wing-half, George Miller.

Not that a £20,000 fee is astronomical in these days. But it is exceptional when a Scottish club does the *paying*.

Hearts, no doubt, feel they will do themselves a lot of good by securing a player of Miller's undoubted talents. I have little doubt they will.

But they have already done Scottish First Division football a supreme service, simply by showing the public that for all the falling interest through the turnstiles, one of our leading clubs is prepared to buy back a star from England.

Hearts thus follow the example of their great City rivals, Hibs, who a couple of seasons back brought Pat Quinn back from Blackpool for a hefty sum.

But these events are indeed rare.

Hearts, and their excellent manager, Tommy Walker, deserve credit for their enterprise

Several more Scottish clubs would do well to follow the Tynecastle lead. For Hearts have proved that for only a moderately-big fee, quality players can be brought back home from England.

I expect to see the League Champions, Kilmarnock — who seem to have little hope of retaining their crown — follow Hearts into England for replacements.

Already, I believe, they have approached Everton for Alec Young, but were fobbed off. And manager Malcolm Macdonald has also sounded Ipswich about Gerry Baker.

Indeed, the Killie boss, since arriving back in Ayrshire from Brentford, has spent a tremendous slice of his time re-crossing the border in a determined search for new faces.

Talking to Mr. Macdonald a few days after his side had held — or been held by — Real Madrid to a 2-2 draw at Rugby Park, one could sense disappointment, not so much in the fact that Killie had not managed to secure a lead against the no-longer great Madrid side; instead, at the attendance of only 25,000.

This, of course, is three times Kilmarnock's average League gate. But for a match of this importance, even a couple of years ago, the crowd would have been 35,000 — in other words, a capacity attendance.

"We were confident of getting a full house," said the Killie boss. "But for some reason, we fell well short.

"We seem to be suffering in the general trend. Almost every club in the country has lost four or five thousand supporters, but in our case that loss is much more noticeable than in the gates of clubs like Manchester United or Tottenham."

At the risk of becoming unpopular with the Rugby Park hierarchy, I feel that one reason for the poor attendances is the lack of new faces.

If and when one or two new big-name players arrive at Rugby Park, I feel certain that 3,000 or 4,000 stay-away fans will return to the fold.

The second important feature on Scotland's home front is the dominant form of Glasgow Rangers, the citadel so many try to conquer, but one which looks to be as powerful again as it has been for the last decade.

Last season's "blank" — no League Championship or Scottish Cup — seems to have served as an extra incentive to the current Ibrox staff, who, apart from that League Cup final submission to their arch rivals, Celtic, have been sweeping all before them.

On the season's first Saturday, when Rangers went to Tynecastle and lost to Hearts in the League Cup, many were the wails from the Ibrox faithful that "this was where we came in".

Instead, they have been pleasantly surprised, for Rangers have learned from that first set-back, and as I write have just returned from Tynecastle, this time in the League, with two splendid points.

Scot Symon, envied by almost every manager in the country for his constant supply of teenage soccer talent, must be congratulated on the way he has blended so many young players into such a tantalising and talented team.

The forward line may be younger than Springtime, if one pays attention only to the dates on their respective birth certificates. But there are mature heads on young bodies.

And goal-scoring feet, too. As I write, Jim Forrest, their fresh-faced centre-forward, again leads the First Division scoring race, and looks a good even-money wager to top 50 goals this term.

He is hotly pursued by George McLean, the 21-year-old who, remarkably, is the "father figure" of the regular Ibrox attack.

The tall, dark and extremely handsome McLean is the player most people are talking of in this exciting Ibrox revival.

For a long time, his £25,000 price tag — he was Rangers' biggest-ever buy when they took him from St. Mirren — looked like drifting into soccer obscurity.

But this season he has emerged in full bloom, and the rest of the rampant young Rangers with him ... players like Willie Henderson, fast recapturing the glories of his first season, and Johnston, Willoughby, Greig and McKinnon.

Rangers are scoring goals aplenty, losing only a few ... and picking up points like a great blue harvester sweeping all before it.

Even last season's Champions, Kilmarnock, were thrashed 5-0 at Ibrox the other week. And a team who can thrash Killie so unmercifully looks a sure-fire bet for the title.

SILVER LINING FOR GREENS

EIRE NEWS by TOM MULDOWNEY

BOOM instead of Doom is the order as far as Eire's International prospects are concerned, since the "ould" country kissed good-bye to World Cup hopes in Paris.

No joy at the Spain spanking. No indeed. But like every cloud it had a silver lining. Silver that changed into pounds and brought smiles to the faces of the men who pay the bills. A job that's never easy, and often very difficult.

And Eire's on-field endeavours have not gone unnoticed. World Cup qualifiers forbidden by rule to play against each other before final time, have sights set on Dalymount Park, where they are assured of welcome and roasting.

Germany (West) through their Football Federation have already announced that they will play Eire in Dublin on May 4. Headquarters in Dublin were surprised at the suggested date. They were led to believe that the game would be played in the autumn. But May it is, and a full Dalymount Park assured. Argentina are also reported to be considering a Dublin trip, and a few other Associations are thinking likewise. In fact, it's a question of queue on the left, please.

Rich harvest

The League of Ireland also reaped a rich harvest from the Hull hammering. And despite heavy expenditure can look back with satisfaction, if not with pleasure, on the venture. They, too, are riding the so swinging merry-go-round. The Belgium League are invited to provide the opposition on the national holiday. Never again are the public to suffer club football on the great day. This was the case last year, and the sour taste of that Rover–Celtic Shield shocker has not completely disappeared.

Shamrock Rovers, like Drumcondra and Limerick, are out of European competition. After that 1-1 draw at Dalymount which they should have won, they went to Spain and lost to Real Zaragosa by the odd goal in three. A good show this, by Hoops, who won many Spanish friends. This was another "moral" win for Eire and if this term wears a little thin, it's true for all that.

Like others before them, Real's Dublin visit was in a competitive spirit. Not so the arrival of Dukla Prague. They came to play a friendly fixture with Bohemians. Yes, Bohemians. Such is the progress made by the amateurs under coach Sean Thomas, that they could tackle this great team, and not be tilting at windmills.

It ended in a 5-0 thrashing, but the lessons learned will not be forgotten, and will prove of value to Bohs when they enter the European competitive market. Only 12,000 football folk attended. Not super-support for laudable enterprise. Possibly, Dukla's 2-1 win over English Second Division Derby County was noted. And could have changed some minds when Friday night entertainment was being sought.

Among the 12,000 sat a number of English scouts. All eyes glued on Bohs' brilliant wing-half, Jimmy Conway. The teenage apprentice carpenter, who learns his trade and his soccer from coach Thomas, was one of the few amateurs who matched the skill and grace of Prague's pin-ups. It's only a matter of time before Conway goes. But time matters to Bohemians, and it may be that for the sake of his teacher, this great prospect will finish the season in the red-and-black.

Transfer talk about Shelbourne's Ben Hannigan went on for weeks. Following "Reds" home game with Cork Celtic the big fellow signed for Wrexham. Hannigan had drifted out of the headlines he dominated during his four years at Ringsend. A very talented frontman, Hannigan became the target for boo-boys and referees. True that his "all or nothing" style did little to help matters. Also true that in the eyes of certain Knights, he could do no right. Trying hard to be "good" affected his game. Now this colourful character has gone, and League of Ireland soccer is that much poorer. Through the pages of WORLD SOCCER, he reads it, I send him very best wishes for success. From across the seas he may achieve that elusive cap.

Still on the subject of Shelbourne. Many opine that the arrival of Joe Haverty upset the normal working of "Reds raiders". Something has gone wrong with Shels. No doubt new boss McKenzie will soon sort matters out. Haverty played wonderfully well against Spain, but to tell the truth, has made little impact on the home front. How much of that is his fault, or that of his colleagues, is a moot point. I've seen him run all over the field in search of the ball that should be fired out to him at every opportunity. For my money, he appears to be a step ahead of his team-mates. For all that, he is a first-rate entertainer and his presence, impact or not, has lightened the gloom.

Also on the move are three of Home Farm's teenage team of talent that won last year's Leinster Cup from Dublin's senior sides. Pat Canavan and Tom Sweetman, whose names were linked with Stoke City, have joined Exeter City. Terry Conroy, one of many footballing brothers, has also left Home, to join Glentoran in the Irish League.

The departure of these stars is a blow to the Whitehall club. Year after year the door to League of Ireland football is slammed in their face. They have 18 teams, no cash problems, and own their ground.

Picture the plight of some senior clubs. St. Patricks, after a run of below-par gates, are moving to form a limited company. While the two Cork clubs, Celtic and Hibernians, were never worse off for crowd support and the talk is that they will join forces for next season.

Celtic, who did a "Portsmouth" for many years, using only 14 players, are finding it hard to replace the "old with the young". Hibs are a real problem child. After winning the Dublin City Cup they seemed set for a winning way. Around Shield time they fell apart, and at the moment help Celtic to hold up the League table. At write-time John McCole, the former Leeds United leader, is in dispute and wants away. All in all a poor outlook for soccer in the City by the Lee.

That's it, then, for this cold opening month of the second half of the 'sixties. Next month is cup-time and hopes spring anew.

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A RESULT THAT NEVER WAS!

RADIO Nacional de Espana achieved a remarkable feat recently: a different score in a European Cup-tie between Real Madrid and Kilmarnock to every newspaper in Europe.

The match at Rugby Park actually ended in a 2-2 draw, but for some inexplicable reason the Spanish commentator failed to appreciate that a 10th minute Scottish goal had been disallowed for offside. He continually referred to it, and eventually announced a 3-2 "win" for Kilmarnock.

Some Spanish newspapers, utterly confused by the two "results", rang up their reporters resting peacefully in Scottish beds to find out the correct score.

Many of Real's supporters were enraged to discover in their morning papers that their team had in fact avoided defeat. They then swamped R.N.E.'s telephone switchboard with protests about the incredible blunder.

Needless to say, when the return leg was broadcast from Chamartin, a different voice was at the microphone. Real won 5-1, and Francisco Gento scored a goal to give him a unique record — he is the only player to score in each of the 11 European Cup competitions.

Gento's overall total is 21 goals. The record is held by his former team-mate, Alfredo di Stefano, who scored 49 times in European Cup-ties.

Real have at last admitted officially how much they paid for the Argentinian back in 1953. "He cost us only £24,000," said 70-year-old President, Don Santiago Bernabeu. "But it seemed a lot of money at the time."

How about Amancio?

"It was certainly more than we gave for Di Stefano, but I don't want to say how much we pay." Still, this was Senor Real in expansive mood, even speaking English, which he is often afraid to use.

"I read English almost perfectly, but at dinners I insist on having an interpreter, for if I try to speak English in company, I get nervous and forget what to say."

How will you feel if Real are knocked out of the European Cup?

"It would make me very sad. Not because of defeat in itself, nor the thought of the money we would lose. But I have asked my boys to win the Cup for me just one more time. And I'm sure they will do it."

Shattered by Hang Bong Jin

AN embarrassed Australian F.A. tried in vain to cancel their Asian tour following their team's totally unexpected defeat by North Korea (6-1 and 3-1) in the World Cup. They went on to draw 0-0 with Cambodia, and lose 1-0 to the might of Hong Kong.

The Koreans' improvement can be judged from their defeat of Russian Cup-holders Moscow Spartak. For, back in 1960, Spartak beat them 6-0.

North Korea have won 30 of their last 35 "internationals", and are unbeaten in the last 15. Star of the side is 31-year-old Hang Bong Jin, who was mainly responsible for the three-goals-in-ten-minutes burst which shattered the Aussies in the first match.

But the humid conditions, and mistakes by Australia's goalkeeper John Roberts (due for a trial with Chelsea), help to explain the margin of North Korea's victory.

Yet we still may not be seeing them in the Finals, for apparently they have asked for their expenses to be paid *before* they travel, which F.I.F.A. say is impossible.

Should the Koreans withdraw, Australia could then claim a place as "runners-up" in Group 16. But F.I.F.A. would not allow them to take part without winning a tie, and would probably pair them with the runners-up in one of the European groups.

With Scotland among them, and up to eight Scots in the Aussie team, it might produce the most bizarre derby ever seen at Hampden Park.

Di Stefano (left) and Gento pictured during their days together with Real Madrid. (Keystone.)

The Great Player Robbery

WE seem to have reached the last act in the Yugoslav melodrama about soccer bribery and corruption. Nusret Mahic, formerly president of First Division Zeljeznicar (Sarajevo), has been found guilty of fraud, illegal transfer payments, bribery and fixing matches.

He was sentenced by the central criminal court to 6½ years' imprisonment.

The last act — short of a jailbreak, of course. . . .

From our War Correspondent

THE German magazine *Sport* has donated a new goalscoring trophy — appropriately, a miniature cannon.

But a full-sized one would not have been out of place at the latest European Cup brawl, between Werder Bremen and Partizan Belgrade.

Down 3-0 from a turbulent match in Yugoslavia, where a frightened Italian referee lost control, Bremen did their best to kick Partizan off the park.

But they found Scottish referee Tom "Tiny" Wharton — 6 ft. 2 in., 14 st. — in no mood for such nonsense.

He sent off German centre-half Bordel, Yugoslav inside-left Becejac for retaliating, and later Werder's captain, Schutz.

A Yugoslav journalist, Branco Perovanic, was unwise enough to shout a remark to the fuming Schutz, as he was passing the press bench on his way to the players' tunnel. Schutz hit him hard in the mouth, knocking out five teeth, and Perovanic had to go to hospital for treatment.

Bremen won the match 1-0, losing 1-3 on aggregate, and the local riot squad had to use truncheons to keep mob elements in the crowd off the pitch at the end.

"Werder shame German football," shrieked the Hamburg press. "How lucky," said one reporter, "the Scottish referee is accustomed to rowdiness in his home town of Glasgow." A backhanded compliment, if I ever saw one.

FK Austria looked certain to regain the League leadership from Admira Energie and Rapid, when they were leading 3-1 at LASK Linz.

But the match was abandoned by the referee, following violent protests for offside by the local players.

Plus sa change. . . .

Oh, Mr. Attouga

TWO mistakes by Tunisian goalkeeper Attouga helped Ghana to retain the Africa Cup, when she beat Tunis 3-2 after extra time in an exciting final.

Attouga's hesitation let in Orit to score against the run of play after 40 minutes, and he dived too early at a shot by Oseikofi 11 minutes from the end.

Tunisia, pulled back to 2-2, faded in extra time, and Oseikofi scored the winner.

Even with the United Arab Republic a notable absentee, it was a good performance by the Ghananians, whose team was: Nawu; Bakoussi, Acquah, Ewans; Odametry, Menzai; Oseikofi, Drit, Kawakofi, Kofipare, Doi.

C'est drôle, ja?

BAYERN Munich secretary Walter Frembech, questioning Jean Cornu of *France Football*:

How's Parisien soccer these days?

"Rather bad . . . Racing are in Division Two."

Who's in Division One, then?

"Stade and Red Star, but they are unfortunately low in the table."

Are they well supported?

"Well, for one game between Stade and Sedan, there were only 1,949 spectators."

1,949 spectators? And these clubs are PROFESSIONALS?

Not So Irresistible

PELE may be irresistible, but Brazil evidently are not — they allowed Russia to equalise in Rio after being two goals behind. A crowd of 160,000 saw Pelé score as usual — he played in every international for Brazil last year, which explains why they remained unbeaten.

Brazil "B" took on Hungary with equal arrogance, ran up a five-goal lead, and were thankful to win 5-3 at the finish. Such complacency just won't do for the World Cup.

MAZZOLA—on International duty. (M.2.)

Still Kicking

I WAS guilty of a premature transfer last month — for Peiro is still alive and kicking in goals for Inter-Milan — including a vital one under a goalkeeper's dive which put them in the lead against Dynamo Bucharest in a European Cup-tie.

Dynamo hit back to win the home leg 2-1, a major surprise in view of their lowly position in the Rumanian League since the start of the season. Only recently have their dynamic wing-half Popescu, and flying winger Pircalab, shown anything like their best form.

But Inter were without internationals Burgnich, Facchetti and Mazzola, all in World Cup *retiro* for the tie with Scotland — an unfamiliar country before club policy which also put AC Milan two goals down to CUF Setubal in the Fairs Cup.

Second Thoughts on Streltzov

MYSTERY of the month involves Soviet soccer star Eduard Streltzov, who was left out of the Russian party to tour South America.

Streltzov, 28, was jailed for 12 years in 1958 on a rape charge. He was released after 4½ years, and played a leading part in Moscow Torpedo's championship victory this season.

When the names of the tour party were announced, Streltzov was among them. But within 24 hours his place had been taken by the experienced Mikhail Meskhi, outside-left of Tbilissi Dynamo.

I should have known better, but I rang up TASS to discover the truth:

Is that news agency TASS?

TASS spokesman (cautiously): "Yes".

Why has Eduard Streltzov been dropped from the party to tour South America?

"Because . . . Streltzov was never chosen for the tour."

Then did you include his name in last week's list by mistake?

"TASS never makes mistakes."

Then did Nikolai Morozov, the Russian team coach, include his name in error?

"No. Mr. Morozov never makes mistakes either."

The Price of Failure

I SUPPOSE West Ham's defeat of Olympiakos in the European Cup-Winners' Cup was a severe financial blow for coach Marton Bukovi.

Bukovi, former Ferencvaros international and manager of the Hungarian national team, signed a two-year contract with the Greek club for a £10,000 fee.

He was also guaranteed £200 a week, with bonuses based on results and positions in the League table.

Unfortunately, I understand this worked both ways — and the club deduct a similar amount of money every time they lose. . . .

Strictly No Apples

SCENE: Hampden Park.

If you are not playing Catenaccio, then what is Lodetti doing at outside-right?

Fabbri: "Giovanni is there to stop Denis Law from scoring."

But Law is not playing.

"Then Giovanni should have an easy game. . . ."

Scene: Naples.

Jock Stein: "We shall attack from the very first minute."

Proper little George Washingtons, these team managers.

"Qualification Farce"

"THE above-mentioned article, written by Mr. Roger Macdonald, has come to our attention.

We would like to draw your attention to the text concerning the nationality of players, decided at the last F.I.F.A. Congress held in Tokyo, which appears as Article 3 in the F.I.F.A. Regulations, a photocopy of which is enclosed.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding with regard to the player Albert Hector Spencer, would you please take note that this man is a citizen of Ecuador by birth and has never changed his nationality.

He is not a naturalised Uruguayan as quoted in your article.

It is true that the Uruguayan national team fielded him in a friendly international match against England; they should not have done this as Spencer was *not entitled* to play for the Uruguay national team, but this infringement of the established Regulations in no way means that the *Regulations* should be changed. Neither does the fact that Spencer played one match with the national team of Uruguay make him a Uruguayan citizen or cause him to lose his Ecuadorian nationality."

Dr. H. Käser,
F.I.F.A. General Secretary.

Eddie McCreadie (Chelsea) goes in to challenge Fulham goalkeeper Tony Macedo during this London Derby match. (P.A.I.)

THE most important thing to do at the turn of 1965 is to welcome World Cup year in England for the first, and who cannot say last, time in the lives of most of us. One newspaper has set itself the task of enquiring whether we are ready to stage such a tournament and has been coming up with some pretty interesting answers. The position is that work at the grounds where World Cup matches will be played is continuing as far as possible during the winter months, although severe weather conditions could alter the situation very considerably.

JULY DATES UPPERMOST

The football public at large are certainly well aware that the Finals will be staged here next summer and ticket sales are reported to be more than satisfactory for this point of the proceedings. The really big rush will not start, in my opinion, until around March or April when people begin to plan their summer entertainment.

The question of England's chances remains very much an open book. Mr. Ramsey continues to insist that this is England's Cup year, but most supporters will take a deal of convincing in view of the team's performances during the current campaign. Just when one starts to note an improvement in one section of the team, trouble occurs elsewhere, although generally the matters which will continue to tax Mr. Ramsey are the selection of the forwards, the permutation of which plainly told its own story. One man who had imagined he would be a certain selection in July—Jimmy Greaves—was thrown on the side lines by a bout of hepatitis, a form of liver jaundice, which kept him out of the Tottenham and England team for many weeks.

Players generally were in and out of favour even if the sweep of the trawl was ordinarily fairly well restricted. Joe Baker made a return to the national side against Ireland and represented his country for the first time since he returned from his spell in Italy with Turin. Ramsey elected to select a squad rather than a team for the match with Spain leaving his final choice until the day of the game. There was plenty of soccer to come for the England men and time even still for them to gain confidence. They did not spend enough time together which was a point at issue between the Football Association and the Football League.

An argument along similar lines operated in Scotland when the Scots tuned up for their vital game with Italy. The Scottish F.A. asked for the players to be available for several days before the encounter and at first a number of clubs agreed. Later Chelsea spoke up for Eddie McCreadie, Manchester for Denis Law and Liverpool for Stevenson. Law was injured and unable to play and there was more than a slight suggestion that club had come before country in this particular instance. How an appeal from the English F.A. would have been greeted is an interesting point. Would it have been possible to cancel games because players were off training for a national side? If cancellation was the order of the day then all countries were entitled to be treated alike.

The future success of England certainly depended upon the opportunities created for the national squad to learn and train together as has been the case with the leading Continental and South American combinations. If England are quickly put out of the World Cup Finals there is likely to be considerable repercussions in the game as a whole in the United Kingdom. Success on the other hand could bring back some of the missing thousands on the basis that there must be something in British soccer if it can crack wise against the best of the rest of the world.

English clubs did not want for success in their battles against the best from Europe and beyond. Moscow Dynamos paid us a visit and Arsenal gained revenge for the defeat they suffered in 1945. The Hungarians were on view against Tottenham where the only sad affair was that Maurice Norman, the former England centre-half, sustained a double fracture of his left leg. As to the European Cup, the European Cup-Winners' Cup and the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup the good work of Manchester United, West Ham, Chelsea, Leeds and Liverpool was proof positive that our standards have improved. It was far too early to blow one's top, but the pre-Christmas situation was at least more than encouraging.

Manchester United were in the quarter-finals of the European Cup, West Ham in the same stage of the Cup-Winners' competition with Liverpool waiting to join them. Leeds and Chelsea, for their part, were both through to the final 16 of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. No one can say that we are able to match the best in Europe until the Champions Cup is ours and to date Manchester United have reached the semi-finals twice, Spurs and Liverpool once each.

If the national side still left something to be desired there was no doubt that England produced the strongest League competition anywhere in Europe and the standard of Division One soccer was probably as high as it has ever been. English clubs have gone through some hectic periods so far in their European battles and there is much to be said for the calm way, in the main, they have come to terms with the opposition. All followers should be pleased that this is the case for it simply illustrates that the team is instructed to play football no matter what the circumstances.

Liverpool, with their opportunistic and swiftly changing team, were very well regarded in most circles. They played as a team and allegedly hardly ever thought of their true positions on the programme sheet. One was just as likely to see Gerry Byrne centring from the corner flag as Peter Thompson and a player of the calibre of Geoff Strong was liable to turn up anywhere on the field. Bill Shankly had put together a convincing combination which promised as much as any club both at home and away.

People on many occasions have asked themselves whether the World Cup competition is a *World* Cup or not, especially in view of the groupings which tend to cause the exclusion of countries, who feel they ought to be represented in the finals, at an early stage. It must be remembered that the African nations did not take part in the present competition and notable critics are of the opinion that strong opposition would come from some of the newly emerging states. Sir Stanley Rous is to put forward a plan to the World Cup Congress in 1968 which would revolutionise the groupings. So far as England are concerned it would mean that almost certainly they would be asked to play outside Europe if they wanted to qualify.

Another dimension

This scheme would broaden the extent of the World Cup for countries that have not previously locked in battle would find themselves opposed. It is another dimension which England's soccer bosses might care to carry in their minds during 1966. The task of winning the coveted trophy is not going to become any easier as the years go by. Quite the reverse in fact and the times when the European sides and the South American teams have barred our way will be supplemented by national sides very new to us. One cannot say any louder than has already been stated that the hour of triumph will never lie so near again as it does in 1966.

The Professional Footballers' Association intend to press for a European Federation of International Footballers in order that they can make arrangements with the various bodies on a number of matters, primarily the payment of proper fees to players taking part in games which are televised. The P.F.A. argue that as public performers their members are entitled to "appearance" money especially when games are transmitted in all parts of the globe notably through the Eurovision Link, but also when filmed extracts of games are shown on television screens on the other side of the world. There is no doubt that the P.F.A. have a point here for although the number of soccer personalities is limited there are certain players whose deeds reverberate all the way round the world whatever they happen to be doing. There does not appear to be any reasonable explanation as to why players should not get something out of their screen appearances on the basis that it is a gay life but a short one.

Trying conditions

At the turn of the year in the League, Liverpool, as we have seen, looked to have an irresistible combination under the most trying of conditions. In January they must, of course, start on the F.A. Cup trail once again in the hope of retaining the trophy. Drawn against Chelsea in the Third Round at Anfield, it looked as if their defence of the crown was starting in the best possible manner. Last season's Champs, Manchester United, were not clicking often enough to maintain enthusiasm. For all of this they are a club that has come from behind before and may do it again if their path in the European Cup is showered with flowers and gives them unbounded confidence.

Burnley, West Bromwich and Sheffield United continued in a workmanlike manner without revealing undue brilliance. Leeds, for their part, were not quite the combination of last year without Bobby Collins. West Ham began to improve and draw away from the bottom rungs and even Northampton, who signed Joe Broadfoot from Ipswich at a fee of £27,000, began to make Dave Bowen's face look a little less weary. Blackburn Rovers who, even when they did find some success lacked support, found their gates falling still further as they huddled at the foot of the Division One table with Fulham where nothing would go right for Vic Buckingham's men.

Bid for title

In Division Two, Coventry City and Huddersfield jockeyed with each other in a bid for the title with Manchester City, Wolverhampton, Bristol City and Rotherham well in the running. Portsmouth, who slipped after a good start, reported that they were beginning to break even, financially, since they cut their staff to 16 and decided to run only one side. Birmingham were well and truly in the news with the departure of Terry Hennessey, the Welsh international wing-half, to Nottingham Forest for £50,000 and the signing almost at once of Trevor Hockey from Newcastle for £25,000.

Birmingham businessman Clifford Coombs offered to put £250,000 into the club so long as he could be chairman and introduce a new manager. Whatever the situation, he became the chairman elect with Harry Morris retiring and he brought back to football Stan Cullis as manager. Cullis was scheduled to take over on Boxing Day some 18 months after he was dismissed from Wolverhampton after nearly 30 years with the club as player and manager. Mr. Cullis said he still felt the same way tactically about the game, but reserved his comments on the club until he had the chance of looking deeper into the matter.

Birmingham certainly had a long way to go as a club and so did the newly-promoted Carlisle United. Leyton Orient staggered from reverse to reverse with little news coming from the club about replacements. Stan Anderson, the former England wing-half, moved from Newcastle to take over as player-manager at Middlesbrough and thus became only the second player to have appeared for all the north-eastern clubs, Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough. The only man to do it previously was Tommy Irwin between the wars.

Millwall, riding high at the head of Division Three, received a nasty shock when Southern League Hereford knocked them out of the F.A. Cup in the second round and Brighton, not enjoying the best of good fortune in their promotion year, fell before the onslaught of Bedford Town at the second time of asking. Millwall continued to look

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Joe Baker seen taking avoiding action was recalled to England's colours with success earlier this season. (Central.)

ROAD TO WEMBLEY

No. 3: PORTUGAL & SWITZERLAND

Portugal are the most erratic of teams in the World Cup. . .

WITH four straight wins in a row — two away to Czechoslovakia and Turkey — Portugal had almost assured themselves of a place in the World Cup last 16 before their rivals had got started. Eliminating Czechoslovakia was, on paper, a major triumph but the Czechs, finalists in the 1962 series, realise only too well that they courted disaster by hanging on too long to an ageing team.

In the final analysis Portugal won four, drew one and lost one of their qualifying games, and having taken a winning lead early on it can be argued that the team which lost the last match—2-0 to Rumania in Bucharest—were not much bothered because they had already qualified before that game began.

To me, however, Portugal remain an enigma. They can be brilliant as they demonstrated last season when accumulating eight World Cup points in as many weeks, but they can also falter, as many Latin national teams have done in the past, and as Portugal themselves demonstrated by allowing Czechoslovakia to hold them to 0-0 in Oporto, and by being beaten in Bucharest. So much depends on the attitude of mind—on the outlook of their star players—that Portugal, strange though it may seem, could either be World Cup winners in 1966, or be miserable flops as they were in the 1962 series when they even lost 4-2 to little Luxembourg!

In theory the club or country dilemma which still dominates British teams doesn't interfere in Portugal, for the needs of the national side always take precedence, and when the need arises domestic league and cup matches can be cancelled as and when the F.A. feels it is necessary. In fact, however, the "club" influence is still great, for though clubs cannot refuse to release their players, and publicly always appear delighted to do so, there is nothing to prevent club coaches or directors warning their stars that an injury playing for the national team could cost them dear when the time comes to hand out signing-on bonuses for the new campaign!

With a fear of injury uppermost in the players' minds, poor results from the national team as a whole can be no surprise, but for the summer of 1966 my hunch is that Portugal will be one of the leading contenders. More reasons for this belief will be explained later, but for the moment it's enough to consider that between the end of May and early September the clubs will not need their players and the World Cup, being held in July, is wedged nicely for Portuguese hopes in the summer recess.

In charge of Portugal's World Cup bid are Brazilian-born coach Otto Gloria and selector-manager Manuel da Luz Alfonso, who is also a director of Sport Lisboa e Benfica. Senhor Gloria has earned himself a formidable reputation in Portugal as boss of Porto F.C. and now Sporting Lisbon, amply demonstrating that he understands the Portuguese temperament and can get the best from the players in his care, while Manuel Alfonso's influence inside the Benfica board-room is calculated to add the final touch of influence within the big game.

Strong links

Almost all the possibles Portugal may call on for World Cup duty are currently with the three top clubs—Benfica, Sporting and Porto—and the men in charge have strong links with, and many friends within, all three clubs.

Following Benfica's exploits in the European Cup during the last four or five years one must be convinced that they possess several players of outstanding individual talents. Twice the winners of the trophy, and runners-up beaten by the odd goal on two other occasions, it must be clear that the Benfica attack is almost the best in Europe. If Benfica have a weakness it lies in defence where far too much responsibility has always been thrown on the broad shoulders of stopper Germano and goalkeeper Costa Pereira, but by fielding a Benfica attack—Jose Augusto, Eusebio, Torres, Coluna, Simoes—and reinforcing the defence with the most experienced players from Porto and Sporting, Gloria and Alfonso can field a formidable team.

During the 1940s the Portuguese were regarded as the chopping blocks for the stronger teams in Europe, and England in particular always did well against the Portuguese. One of England's last "truly" great triumphs was the 10-0 victory recorded in Lisbon in 1947, but sufficient weight has never been given to the fact that in those days the Portuguese were amateurs. Thus it is that the critics still regard Portugal as outsiders, for they have never even qualified for the World Cup before!

Looking ahead to next July it is not difficult to forecast what will be required from the World Cup winners of 1966, and briefly I would summarise these talents and skills as:

(1) Experience; (2) a well organised "deep" defence; (3) a midfield general of world class; and (4) at least one dynamic goalscorer who regularly pops home the gifts and frequently gets an impossible goal.

On all four counts, the Portuguese measure up to the standard required, for the vital clash with Brazil which any would-be world champion must face up to, the Portuguese have an extra pull in the shape of Vicente, the right-half from Belenenses, who has twice faced Pelé in international matches and twice shut

Probably the most feared of all Portuguese players is Eusebio, seen here posing for photographers. (O.)

the Brazilian star out of the game.

Experience the Portuguese have in plenty with six and perhaps seven players who have faced Real Madrid and Internazionale in European Cup battles, and most of them have appeared in four European Cup Finals. The majority have also played in England before, and the weather expected in England next July will be similar to that of Portugal in early and late summer.

While Benfica's defence has sometimes been found wanting, the moral courage and physical strength of Germano at centre-half has never been in doubt, and around him Otto Gloria has assembled a tough rearguard which proved itself in the first of Portugal's Qualifying Round matches, away to Czechoslovakia. Before a 60,000 capacity crowd in Bratislava, the Portuguese found themselves with only ten men after right-half Mendez had been carried off injured, but for more than 80 minutes they held out against constant Czech pressure. Germano that day was magnificent, marshalling his colleagues, covering everyone in turn and they survived to win 1-0.

Northern Ireland goalkeeper Jennings turns a somersault while colleague Campbell goes to retrieve the ball on top of the net after Quentin (Switzerland) had gone close to scoring (right). (A.P.)

Midfield

In midfield, the Portuguese can be expected to have Ferreira Pinto (Porto) or Vicente (Belenenses)—Mario Coluna (Benfica) withdrawn from inside-left, and Jose Augusto, the Benfica right-winger, who can be used as either striker or schemer and has often figured in the withdrawn role in Benfica's international matches away from home. Here the key man is Coluna, who recently established a new Portuguese record of 40 international appearances. Thirty years old, Coluna is one of the *élite* in world football, a master ball player of wide experience and deep intelligence—and he also scores goals.

Of all the 16 qualifiers, only Spain (Suarez) and Brazil (Pelé) have a "complete" inside-forward in Coluna's class, and given freedom from injury, it might well be that Coluna will "plot" one of the biggest surprises of all time.

Up front, Portugal are equally well served by the Benfica twins, Eusebio and Torres—the former dark, lithe and graceful, the latter swarthy, gangling and awkward-looking, but each in his own way is deadly in front of goal. Between them this pair have rattled in more than 50 league goals in each of the last three Portuguese seasons, and many more goals in European Cup games.

Eusebio, scorer of 14 goals for Portugal (the all-time record) is the senior partner, able to beat an opponent on either side, very fast and extremely accurate with his powerful shooting. He will certainly be honoured with "double-marking" and when that happens Torres is inevitably given the opportunity to use his talents. Unusually tall, Torres is faster than he appears; better with the ball than his many critics would concede and very useful when the ball is crossed high into the goalmouth.

Portugal have it all, and with average luck and the right balance of determination and dedication from the players, could surprise everyone and carry off the Coupe Jules Rimet.

Switzerland

SWITZERLAND, the sixth of the World Cup squads to be reviewed in this series, were one of the also-rans in the Chile series, and on their own admission more than a little fortunate to reach the final stages this time.

During the summer, SFV officials and Swiss fans were praying for a miracle such as the series delivered by the former Austrian full-back, Karl Rappan, who three times led little Switzerland to World Cup glory. Not that the Swiss ever expected to run out the winners—for them it has usually been enough to reach the last 16, where other more fashionable countries like Scotland, Yugoslavia, Austria and Czechoslovakia have failed.

Miracle

Once more the Swiss have obtained their "miracle" with Italian-born Dr. Alfredo Foni taking over from Karl Rappan. Fifty-five years old, Dr. Foni took over in 1963, a former full-back with Juventus who starred in Italy's World Cup winning team in 1938, and later achieved distinction as boss of Bologna, Roma, Sampdoria and Internazionale with whom he won the Italian championship in 1953 and 1954.

In the vital closing stages of the qualifying tournament Foni built a nine-man defence to earn a goalless draw away to Holland in Amsterdam, and then recalled right-winger Toni Allemann (from 1st FC Nurnberg) to hit an 88th-minute winner in the last match with Holland. Convinced that his team would then have to beat Northern Ireland in a final play-off, Dr. Foni flew to Tirana to watch Albania take on the Irishmen in their last qualifying match and received a very pleasant surprise when Albanian centre-forward Haxhiu scored an equalising goal which demoralised the Ulstermen, and left Foni and the Swiss with their "miracle".

For Alfredo Foni, the qualification of Switzerland was particularly sweet, for back in 1958 Northern Ireland had been responsible for Foni losing his job as boss of the Italian national team when Ireland beat Italy for a place in the 1958 World Cup Finals! Miracle or not, revenge must have been very satisfying.

Generally the Swiss game has been in the doldrums for several years and today the best Swiss forwards have all gone abroad to turn professional. In theory Swiss players are amateurs, but in practice they are paid well enough to attract good to middling class players from poorly paid countries like Norway and Holland and also second-class players from better paid Italy. Though this helps the higher ranking clubs, the national team suffers from a scarcity of experienced home-bred forwards, and as a result Dr. Foni can surely not pretend even to himself that Switzerland will even reach the quarter-finals next July.

The last time England visited Switzerland the home side were defeated by eight goals to one, and though on that occasion the Swiss brought a goal-rush on themselves through unwise tactics, this score-line represents the gulf between the Swiss game and

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The Third in a new series on the 1966 World Cup finalists by ERIC BATTY which will be featured every month until June

thankful to win ... placency just won't do for the World Cup

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that of the better organised professional countries.

The Schweizer Fussball Bund is now hustling around trying to re-arrange their fixture lists so that the league and cup programmes can be completed early and thus allow Dr. Foni and his assistants every opportunity to drill their squad, and being well versed in the needs of the modern game it can be accepted that the Swiss will play to avoid heavy defeats.

The team is based broadly on two clubs—Lausanne (the Rappan club) and reigning champions—and the favourites for the current championship, FC Zurich, bossed by Louis Maurer. Goalkeeper Elsener, Grobety, Schneiter Hosp and a talented young wing-half, Richard Durr, are all contributed by Lausanne Sports while regulars from FC Zurich include stopper Leimgruber and the midfield linkmen Bani and Kuhn.

Emphasising that they mean to back up Dr. Foni, the SFV recently fined the Young Boys F.C. of Berne, and suspended one of the club's directors for allowing left-back Fuhrer to play against AC Milan in a friendly match during the week preceding the second clash with Holland, and while Lausanne and FC Zurich provide the bulk of the Swiss squad and are expected to wage a fierce struggle for the 1966 championship shield, the authorities are eager to make it plain that their needs will be respected, or else.

Defensively the Swiss are adequately served by experienced campaigners. Elsener, Grobety, Leimgruber and Schneiter all did duty in Chile four years ago and with the exception of Leimgruber are all past 30. Here perhaps Karl-Heinz Schneiter is the man around which everything revolves for he is more than useful in the orthodox "double-centre-half" game demanded by 4-2-4 and in which he links very well with Leimgruber, and Schneiter can also be deployed as the "libero" or deep cover.

Below par

In attack, however, the Swiss are below par and with Norbert Eschmann past his best and Phillipe Pottier still serving in France, Dr. Foni can hardly call on the two inside-forwards who played in Chile. Toni Allemann would be released and will doubtless be welcomed home from Germany, but he recently underwent an operation and has temporarily lost his place in the Nurnberg attack, and consequently lacks recent first-class match practice.

The only Swiss-born player figuring amongst the leading scorers this season is Lausanne's Robert Hosp but even he cannot be compared with the goal-getters of Spain, Italy and Brazil, while the service he gets from behind limits his possibilities still further.

The Swiss, however, realistically recognise they have already had their "miracle" and few even hope for another. They will be content to rest on the Olympic Games maxim, that taking part is more important than winning.

Two of Portugal's key players from Benfica—Jose Augusto (left) and Mario Coluna who are likely to figure in the World Cup Finals. (Central.)

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solid in the League and had much to thank Under-23 goalkeeper Alex Stepney for, as their last line of defence.

Bournemouth manager Reg Flewin gave up his post after spending a month in hospital combatting a strange virus, saying that it needed a fully fit man to get the club out of their present position. Peterborough, so often giant killers in the F.A. Cup when they were non-Leaguers, did outstandingly well to reach the semi-final of the League Cup which was gathering more support and interest.

Luton Town, Cup Finalists in 1959 and now none too prosperous members of Division Four, were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Corby, perhaps the crowning indignity. They were left to ponder that in 1959 they played eight games (including three replays) to get to Wembley whereas this season they played four games (two replays), only got as far as Round Two and were knocked out by a non-League club.

So much for the fluctuations of English teams as we march into 1966 and World Cup year. Nothing could be more certain than that the future of soccer in Britain was in the melting pot and the affairs of next July were uppermost in the minds of those close to the game. The measure of our times for association football hung in the balance.

EUROPEAN CUP DRAWS

THE quarter-final pairings for the European Cup and Cup-Winners' Cups are as follows:

European Cup

Manchester United v. Benfica
Sparta Prague v. Partizan Belgrade
Anderlecht v. Real Madrid
Internazionale v. Ferencvaros

European Cup-Winners' Cup

Honved v. Liverpool
West Ham v. Aufbau Magdeburg
Glasgow Celtic v. Dynamo Kiev
Atletico Madrid v. Borussia Dortmund

Results of the previous matches in these competitions will be given in next month's issue of WORLD SOCCER.

The Cup Final referee talks to BRIAN MARSHALL about Brazil and Russia

BILL CLEMENTS AND HIS VIEWS

CUP Final referee, Bill Clements, of West Bromwich, was arranging his club cricket fixtures when I visited him recently following his return from an eight-day visit to Brazil as an official guest of the local Football Association.

Although he was dealing with his cricket fixtures, it was obvious that following his never-to-be-forgotten experiences in Brazil, his mind was on the World Cup finals next summer and the chance of watching Brazil and Russia, two of the early favourites, battling for the trophy.

Mr. Clements, who was accompanied to Brazil by Ken Dagenall of Bolton and John Taylor of Wolverhampton, told me: "Both Brazil and Russia basically have good teams and I am told the Argentine also have an outstanding side.

"From what I saw on my short visit, I am convinced that we are going to see some wonderful World Cup football—if there are no heavy grounds."

Commenting upon Brazil's 2-2 draw with Russia, who were trailing 2-0 for a spell, he said: "I had the impression that Russia were treating it as a warm-up match and were content so long as they did not lose.

"They adopted much the same tactics in the game I refereed against Belo Horizonte, which ended in a goalless draw."

The only incident of note which occurred in this game which was played in the mining town of Minas Gerais before a crowd of 130,000 was when Russia, who are trying as many players as possible in their pre-World Cup tour, attempted to introduce an extra substitute after the interval.

Mr. Clements says: "I already had two substitutes, number 16 and number 14 in my book, but when I checked after the interval I also discovered that numbers 12 and 13 were also on the field.

"As it had been agreed that only three substitutes would be allowed I had to request that they took off one of the players. There was no bad feeling and they quickly pulled off one of the players."

Undoubtedly, the three British officials created a very favourable impression in Brazil and just this one incident shows them up in good light and impresses upon the F.I.F.A. that there are officials in England who can take control of all situations on the playing field.

Bill Clements. (W.I.)

Although the majority of players were complete strangers to Mr. Clements, who had never previously handled a Russian match, he was quickly impressed with the form of goalkeeper Yashin who, despite his age, is now almost certain to be playing in England next summer.

The same applies to Brazil's right-back, Djalmar Santos, who is already well known in Europe. Despite being well over 30, no one has yet come along to displace him.

But the most impressive player, so far as Mr. Clements is concerned, was Pelé. Mr. Clements says: "He is a most devastating player. Against Russia he scored one of the best goals I have ever seen. He picked up a loose ball in mid-field, beat four or five players before he slotted the ball into the corner of the net way out of the reach of Yashin."

Brazil, however, were not too happy with their general performance. Their critics feel that they should have done much better against Russia. Their young goalkeeper, who was making his début, had a very shaky match and was held directly responsible for the two goals that gave Russia the 2-2 draw after Brazil had appeared to be easy winners.

The one young player to impress Mr. Clements was their centre-forward Gerson. He says: "Although he looked a little on the stocky side, he was always a dangerous player after coming on as a second-half substitute."

Among Mr. Clements's other impressions of his Brazilian trip was the massive Maracana Stadium in Rio where the game with Russia was played.

To get the atmosphere of the ground before their international, the three officials went to an ordinary league game. In a stadium, which was to hold a record capacity attendance of 200,000, for the Brazil–Russia encounter, the 30,000 in the ground for this particular match was lost among the mass of concrete.

"It was like looking down on a chess board," says Mr. Clements. "Although you were a long way away, you could see everything in great detail and it proved to be a wonderful experience."

On the day of the international, the atmosphere was electric. There were the usual fireworks and balls of fire, which spread all around the giant stadium.

Despite these distractions, the three English officials had a trouble-free match and generally impressed the watching F.I.F.A. officials. Brazil, who paid out something like £1,500 on expenses to give their players experience of playing under the control of English officials, were well satisfied.

Enthusiasm

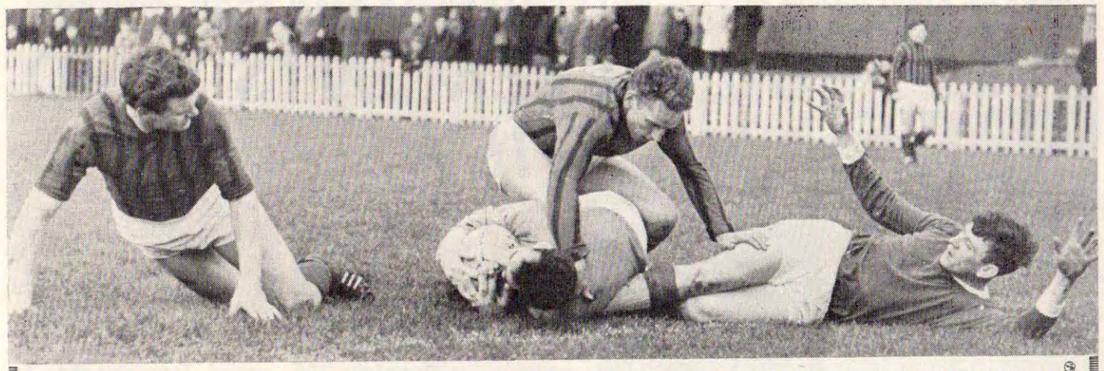
All three officials were taken in by the terrific enthusiasm for the game of soccer in Rio. Mr. Clements says: "On the beach near to our hotel there must have been some 200 pitches measuring 70 yards by 40 yards. We were told that they run a Saturday beach league for all ages around the coast.

"It was the same on all the beaches and we even noticed goalposts on spare pieces of land in the city centre where you could always see someone playing soccer.

"It is this enthusiasm and continual practice which makes them so brilliant with the ball and also explains why there are so many outstanding players in Brazil."

During their eight-day stay, the three officials attended a referees' congress held for two days. Although the language problem was difficult, they did manage to pick up several interesting items which will undoubtedly further improve their own game when they referee matches involving South American countries.

Now, Mr. Clements, his cricket fixture list complete, and the sun-drenched Rio beaches just a happy memory, is waiting for the World Cup Finals he hopes will live up to everyone's expectations.



Ground-biting day for Crusaders and Glenavon. Glens goalkeeper Earl McNally keeps a grip on the ball while Crusaders centre Don Hale and Glenavon pivot Derek Parkes sprawl over him. (M.P.I.)

WELL DOWN FOR DERRY

IRISH NEWS **by COLIN McALPIN**

THE Derry City story ended on the evening of Tuesday, November 23, when the Irish League champions—the first club from Northern Ireland to reach the first round of the European Cup—were hammered 9-0 by hosts Anderlecht of Brussels in the first leg match. After the game, Derry officials announced that they would not play a second leg and wished Anderlecht all the very best for future rounds.

Even before they left for Belgium it was doubtful if a second leg would be played, for Derry City—see last month's WORLD SOCCER—were still angry over the I.F.A.-E.U.F.A. banning of their Brandywell Road ground as being unfit for European football. Officials of the club had made it more than clear that if they could not play their home tie at home they would not play it anywhere else ... not even at nearby Coleraine, where the Cup holders had offered the Showgrounds free of charge.

Early in November it was revealed that the European Union would raise no objection to Derry playing their game in Brussels. It was even reported that *both* games could be staged in Brussels but it was repeated that the second leg could *not* be staged at Brandywell. Officials decided to play the first leg before making a further decision on the second. Presumably they might have considered a second leg—even in Brussels—had the score been closer.

Their 9-0 defeat was history-making too—just as their qualifying round win over F.K. Lyn had been. It was the heaviest defeat suffered by an Irish team on the Continent. So total was the humiliation and defeat that some of the Derry players did not know the final score until the game ended and they were told by pressmen.

Anderlecht, by all reports, were brilliant on a frozen ground. They were the complete masters of a slow Derry side who were never in the game with a chance. In fact, it was stated in a number of newspapers, so brilliant were Anderlecht that they would have made strong opposition for any club from the United Kingdom. Some small consolation for the bemused, bewildered Derry boys!

Manager Willie Ross never had any doubts that it would be a tough game. After the match he remarked that Derry—an average Irish League side these days—fared no worse than any other local club would have.

And while Derry were being swamped out of the European Cup, the Northern Ireland team were being pushed from the World Cup. The following day in Albania's chief city of Tirana a lifeless national side could only manage a 1-1 draw against a side no better than an average English Second Division outfit. They needed both points to force a play-off for a place in the finals in England with Switzerland.

Ireland's highly-paid "stars" were a great disappointment. They did not play with the urge to win and must surely be prepared for a good many changes before the next international. Some of these "stars" assume a "cap" is theirs by right ... too many do not seem prepared for work for the honour of representing their country. Now is the time to shake a few of them ... this display against a poorer side must rank as one of their most dismal.

And it is no good blaming the referee or English League clubs who will not release players before important games to give them time to train together. Blame the players who reckon a game for Ireland is an easy way to pick up money. I'd rather see Irish League players on the international side before some of the glamour-boys. At least, what the locals lack in skill and experience they gain over the "stars" in sheer enthusiasm and hard graft.

Poor display

Commented I.F.A. President, Harry Cavan: "Undoubtedly it was a very poor display by Ireland. I thought the referee was the worst I have ever seen."

To twist a well-known football cry: "Never mind the referee, get the players!"

While on the subject of referees; could there be any as bad as those in the Irish League? Before the current season started the local whistlers were shouting about the importation of English referees for big games like the Irish Cup final. It was even suggested that local referees go on strike in protest ... after some recent shocking refereeing, all I can say is—the sooner they go on strike the better!

Take just one game as a fair example of the low standards reached by some local referees. Take the Irish League clash at Seaview between Crusaders and up-and-coming Glentoran. Referee Jack Adair of Belfast reached what surely must be an all-time-low in his handling of the game. On no fewer than *three* occasions the ball was handled in the penalty area *right under his nose* and a Crusaders' forward was pushed off the ball when shaping up to score. It wasn't that Adair didn't see the fouls ... it was rank bad refereeing.

The I.F.A. and Irish League must act soon before these men do the game severe damage by their sub-standard handling of matches. Now is the time for these bad referees to be downgraded until they learn even the basics of football ... things like shoving is naughty and handling is strictly for the oval ball fans!

As reported in a recent WORLD SOCCER, attendances at Irish League football are booming—almost 10% increase on last season. This upward trend has been apparent since the reorganised programme started two weeks earlier than usual in August.

Jimmy Long, secretary of the Irish League, said recently that the fixtures which commenced the championship series had been "particularly good" and added: "Taking it over the season we are up on last year."

Main reason for the increased interest in local soccer was the early—almost summer—start to the Ulster Cup and the new-look Ulster Cup. It is almost certain that the early kick-off will be operated next year again.

Hard on the heels of MacKenzie leaving Glentoran came the news that the other Glens—Glenavon of Lurgan—were losing their manager, Jimmy McAlinden, at the end of the present season.

The Board of Directors of Glenavon issued the following statement: "Mr. J. McAlinden has informed the Board of Directors that he will not be available for re-engagement at the end of the present season."

McAlinden, who has had a very successful 12 years with the club, told me: "I am satisfied to continue this term and I would like to make it quite clear that I have nothing whatsoever against the club for I could not have worked with better people.

"Perhaps I made the decision a bit suddenly, but the four or five months remaining should be sufficient for Glenavon to get a replacement. I realise there is a possibility that I am making the wrong decision but I have taken decisions before in football and am satisfied that this is the right one. I do feel you can be too long with a club and that is the impression I have had recently."

Under McAlinden, Glenavon became one of the most successful of country clubs. In the 1956–57 season they became the first club outside Belfast to lift the League and the Cup. Since he took over at Mourneview Park, Glenavon have won the Irish Cup three times and the Ulster Cup and City Cup twice. They have also won the now defunct North-South Cup.

Jimmy McAlinden began his professional career with Belfast Celtic in 1934 and in 1939 was transferred to Portsmouth for a then record fee of £7,500. While with Pompey he won an F.A. Cup medal. When war broke out he rejoined Celtic and won every medal going. After a spell with Shamrock Rovers of Eire, McAlinden returned to Portsmouth and in the 1948–49 season left for Stoke City and later for Southend.

For the past five years he has been Irish League team manager.

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It was revealed recently—not for the first time—that Bangor are in financial trouble. They are, reported secretary John Cree, losing an average of £50 a week on home matches.

The club—who reckon they need an average of £180 every home gate to continue—recently called a meeting of interested fans and 60 showed up. They were told that for nine games played at Clandeboye Park the income was £956—an average of £106.

It amazes me how a town the size of Bangor cannot support a senior club. Look at it like this: Bangor's population was, at the last count, almost 24,000 and, say, half of this is female—leaving 12,000 males. Take away 4,000 as being uninterested in football (perhaps they are interested in other sports like rugby, hockey, racing, etc.) and from the remaining 8,000 there should be a big enough pool of fans for Bangor to draw upon. An average game of even 4,000 would be a blessing, even 2,000 would go a long way to helping.

German George is Dutch Coach

ENGLISHMAN Denis Neville was sacked as Dutch national coach. He now concentrates again on his club, Scheveningen Holland Sport. SHS for short, in The Hague. SHS is bottom of the table in the Second Division. The new coach, already appointed by the Dutch F.A., is George Kessler, a former player in Holland, although he was born in Germany.

George Kessler, who lives in a very nice bungalow on the ground of the Dutch national sport centre (owned by the Dutch F.A.) near Utrecht, has worked for the Dutch F.A. since September 1964, when he was appointed coach for the Dutch youth teams.

Kessler, born in September 1932 in Saarbrücken, studied at the sports High School in Cologne, worked there for six months as assistant after he completed his studies and became one of the assistants of Sepp Herberger in Germany. Kessler worked as trainer for the youth teams and as a scout.

The new Dutch coach played in the Dutch top league when he was 17 together with goalie Frans de Munck who later went to Germany (Cologne) as a professional. George Kessler has Dutch nationality. His father, who died some years ago, was a German, but his mother was Dutch.

NEW STADIUM?

MALTA by Arthur J. Leaver

THIS year Maltese football, which suffered a severe setback through the breakdown of negotiations with the Empire Stadium Management, has quite a few innovations.

First of all it has been found necessary to change the venue for League matches. Thanks to the intervention of the National Sports Board, it has been found possible to make use of Upper Manoel Island Ground, formerly used by the Royal Navy and now leased to the Malta Football Association at a nominal rental. This new ground is not too large and accommodation is somewhat limited. Also access is rather restricted as it is rather out of the way. Nevertheless it was a question of make do and the M.F.A., rather than stifle Maltese football completely, accepted this new ground as a compromise.

In the meantime, the National Sports Board, which is Government-appointed, is taking steps to make plans for the construction of a National Stadium which will very likely be built at the Marsa Sports Ground. This new stadium, which would be government owned, would solve the question of a monopoly in ground ownership which has been at the root of the present trouble with the Empire Stadium management.

The Senior League now known as the National League, and which comprises only six teams, namely Sliema Wanderers, Floriana, Hibernians, Valletta, Hamrun and Birkirkara, commenced on October 16, Sliema Wanderers opening season 1965–66 with a two-goal victory over Hamrun.

Since then practically all the clubs have played four matches each, and the position as this article is written today is that Sliema Wanderers, with a game played more than their nearest rivals, Floriana, lead by one point, having played four matches, won two, drawing two, scoring nine goals against three.

This month is a golden page in the annals of Maltese amateur sport, the Malta Civil Service Sports Club celebrating the 40th anniversary of its foundation.

The club, which commenced as a football team in 1925, has been one of the pillars of Maltese amateur soccer. During the years it has been the cradle from which have been born leading local football stars. In fact some of the finest soccer games in Malta which have invariably taken place during the week-ends have been seen in matches comprising the Civil Service Sports club in the Malta Sports Association for other similar clubs.

Brazilians turn to the domestic!

Flamengo and Santos set the pace in Rio and Sao Paulo

SINCE the Brazilian national team returned from their June–July tour of Europe the main emphasis in the country has been with club football — particularly in the Sao Paulo and Rio regional leagues although Cup matches have also been played. This is not to pretend that the World Cup is being ignored! As several articles in WORLD SOCCER, notably those by Peter Pullen, have indicated the Brazilians are already far advanced in their off-stage preparations and, within Brazil, there is a constant, diligent assessment of the ability of potential national team players.

REPORT FROM SOUTH AMERICA

By Gordon Jeffery

In the leagues themselves the position as I write is that Flamengo are leading in Rio with Bangu one point behind them, Fluminense three points behind the leaders, and Botafogo, Vasco da Gama, Bonsucesso, America and Portuguesa all keeping in touch. In Sao Paulo it is more of a two-horse race with Santos on 47 points, Corinthians 43, and then quite a gap to the third club, Palmeiras, who have 34 points. Corinthians, the club who recently made a flying visit to London to play the Arsenal at Highbury, have throughout the season been closely challenging Santos for the leadership but Santos have now completed the double over their rivals (4-3 and 4-2) and look fairly certain of the Sao Paulo championship.

Santos, of course, are often called Pelé's club—and, with the team as a whole playing below their "world's best club" level of three and four years ago, never has this been more true than today. Quite early in the season I noticed that *France-Football* in their feature of gleanings from the world's sporting press had gathered some facts about Santos's goals in the first 13 Sao Paulo League matches.

Pelé missed the opening match when Santos beat America by three goals to one—Coutinho got two of the goals. Then in the next three matches won by Santos 6-2, 3-1 and 5-3, Pelé's crop was five goals, three goals and three goals respectively. He had a rare goalless match against Sao Paulo when Coutinho scored in a one-all game, but Pelé's sequence in the next six matches, all won by Santos, was one goal, three goals, three goals, two goals, three goals, and two goals! He missed the twelfth match when Santos went goalless—as did their opponents, XV Piracicaba, but returned to score another hat-trick the following week.

His personal record was that of scoring 28 goals in eleven matches with one "five" and six hat-tricks amongst them. Allow that often the opposition is much inferior to Santos and the two or three other leading Sao Paulo region clubs (as if Manchester United and Liverpool played in the same division as, for examples, Oldham, Accrington and Wisbech) and it remains a formidable scoring record—underlined by the fact that Santos themselves notched 45 goals in the 11 matches when Pelè was on duty but only three in the two matches he missed!

Pelé's club indeed—and this situation has continued throughout the season. More recently, for example, Santos had a stern tussle with Portuguesa at the Pacaembu Stadium. Pelé, showing signs of the muscular fatigue that troubles him, was closely marked but still contrived to help fashion the only goal of the match scored by Toninho. Then Santos, and an even more tired Pelé, moved on to play rather lesser opposition in Prudentia—and a more-or-less strolling Pelé scored all five Santos goals bringing, incidentally, his league tally up to 40!

Pelé seems to be indispensable to both Santos and Brazil—as crowd-puller no less than as player probably, and around the time when Arsenal were still vainly hoping that he might be added to the (as it then was) combined Corinthians–Portuguesa party due to visit Highbury, this was Pelé's programme:

November 3: Brazil Cup semi-final: Santos 4 Palmeiras 2
November 7: Sao Paulo Championship: Santos 2 Piracicaba 0
November 10: Second-leg semi final: Santos 1 Palmeiras 1
November 14: Sao Paulo Championship: Santos 4 Corinthians 2 (Trip to London?)
November 17: Sao Paulo Championship: fixture v. Botafogo
November 21: Brazil v. U.S.S.R.—Full International
November 25: Sao Paulo Championship fixture
November 28: Sao Paulo Championship fixture
December 1: Brazil Cup final: Santos v. Vasco da Gama.

The Full International against the Soviet Union at the Maracana Stadium in Rio before a reported attendance of 200,000, was Brazil's first match since they beat the Soviet Union in Moscow by three goals to nil—a result that must have discouraged the team manager of just about every other likely World Cup final stage qualifier! Except perhaps the Soviet Union who, in the match against Brazil, had used no less than 15 players. In an effort to beat the Brazilians? Or, ignoring the outcome of the match, to give as many players as possible the opportunity of sparring with the visitors?

A Brazilian group including from left to right: Djalma Santos, Zito, Manager Feola, Pele and a trainer. (P.A.I.)

— but international aspects are not completely ignored either . . .

In the six weeks immediately prior to their early July match against the Brazilians, the Soviet Union had staked their claim to a place in the World Cup finals by beating Greece, Wales and Denmark in matches in Moscow before capacity 100,000 crowds. For the match against Brazil the Soviet Union included two newcomers, Biba and Anotoly Banichevski, and others who had played only once or twice previously—most have not played since although Banichevski, in the three away World Cup qualifying matches played by the Soviet Union in October last, has held his place. Generally, even allowing for the inflated figure of fifteen who played against Brazil in Moscow, the four months between the matches had wrought considerable changes in the Soviet line-up with only the backs, Vladimir Ponomarev and Vasily Danilov, the 1965 ever-presents Voronin and Metreveli, and Banichevski resuming the battle with the Brazilians at the Maracana.

Brazil, on the other hand, were unchanged except that Jairzinho and not Garrincha was at outside-right. The defensive formation of Manga in goal and then Djalma Santos, Bellini, Orlando and Rildo, were (except for the match against Algeria when Altair played instead of Djalma Santos) making their seventh successive appearance together. Dudu, who had made his début in Brazil's first match of 1965 — against Belgium in Rio, was making his eighth successive appearance with Gerson (played in the previous three matches) his midfield linking partner. Jairzinho (he will be 21 on Christmas Day) was at outside-right and Parana made his third successive appearance on the left-wing — he plays for the Sao Paulo club and was 23 last March. Pelé, of course, was at outside-left and Flavio, returning post-haste from his cold night match at Highbury, was centre-forward.

Dissuaded

Flavio was the only Corinthians player in the match against the Soviet Union but some of his club-mates were in the Brazilian "B" team that, the day earlier, played the Hungarian touring team at the Pacaembu Stadium in Sao Paulo. It was this match more than the Full International against the Soviet Union that, I think, finally dissuaded the Brazilians from sending the combined Corinthians–Portuguesa de Desportos party to Highbury. As late as November 10 the Brazilian Sports Confederation announced the names of 17 players from both clubs to leave Brazil immediately after the League matches played on the 14th for the match against Arsenal on the 16th. Then they seem to have had second thoughts and sent only the Corinthians.

The fixture between the Brazilian "B" and Hungary is interesting not only as a rough basis of comparison between the Soviet Union (who drew with Brazil's "A" team) and Hungary (who were beaten 5-3 after being five goals in arrears after 33 minutes' play), but as a possible glimpse of Brazilian changes. What might once have appeared curious was also the fact that a majority of the 14 players who turned out for the Brazilians had not featured amongst any of their previous lists of World Cup "possibles". I write that this might *once* have been curious because I have long ago ceased to rely upon Brazilian "lists"—it is as like as not that some player who may have been given just one run in a relatively minor international match will suddenly come into the team next July and, whilst it is too much to expect him to be another Pelé, play brilliantly!

It was the Portuguesa 'keeper Felix who lined up in goal for the "B" team with Carlos Alberto (more likely than Djalma Santos I fancy to be on duty in the World Cup finals), Procopia, Edilson and Lima the defensive four in front of him; Nair, another Portuguesa player, and Dias the linkmen; and Marcos, Prado, Coutinho and Servilho the forwards. Of these Carlos Alberto made his début and played excellently in the Four Nations Tournament staged in Brazil in May/June 1964; Procopio was one of the team of players from the Minas Gerais region who presented Brazil in the 1963 South American Championship held in Bolivia—the Corinthian 'keeper Marcial was another and so, too, was Flavio, the current "A" team centre-forward; Edilson, another Portuguesa player, has been included in some of the Brazilian lists without yet having played in the "A" team; Dias toured Europe in both 1963 (he played against England at Wembley) and 1965 (substituting for Dudu in the match against the Soviet Union); Lima, the Santos player, also played frequently on the 1963 tour and was with the 1965 tourists without getting a game; Nair and Prado are "list-less" players but right-winger Marcos was another 1963 tourist with four appearances to his credit. Servilho has not been mentioned in any of the lists I have seen but I remember Peter Pullen, probably in a WORLD SOCCER article, mentioning his name amongst the players noted for future reference.

Justified

If that is the case young Servilho quickly justified his "B" selection by scoring twice in the first 15 minutes! Soon after this he came off and was replaced by Abel, the America F.C. player whose name has been often linked with Santos—and Abel, in the 28th minute, proceeded to get his name on the scorers' list. His was Brazil's fourth goal—Lima had scored their third in the 19th minute, and then in the 33rd minute Nair got number five! Hungary got back into the game a little a minute from half-time with a goal from Farkas who had come on at inside-left for Bene.

It had been a hectic period for several of the Hungarians with European club competition matches followed by the friendly match against Tottenham only a couple of days before this match against Brazil "B" in Sao Paulo. The odd look of their reported line-up and the number of substitutes imply a certain amount of improvisation: Gelei; Novak, Savori; Matrai, Meszoly, Sipos; Kapostza, Solymosi, Gorocs (Albert), Bene (Farkas) and Fenyvesi.

Substitutes

The Brazilians also made a number of substitutions in addition to that of Abel for Servilho I have already mentioned — Geraldino (another of the Minas Gerais region team in 1963 and a listed player of 1964) took over from Edilson, and the Corinthians player Rivelino came on for Nair in what was throughout a Sao Paulo region selection.

The final score was 5-3 with Hungary's second-half goals coming in the last ten minutes through Solymosi and, two minutes from time, Albert. The result, set beside the drawn match of the "A" team, suggests that Brazil have their usual rich pool of reserve strength ready for a run in the "A" team. For the "A" team it was the inconsistent Gerson who opened the scoring early in the second half and four minutes later, after ten minutes' second-half play, Pelé did his stuff with a fine solo run that ended with a shot that not even Yashin could save. Yashin was not again beaten, however, and the persevering Banichevski brought the Soviet Union back into the game with 18 minutes to go. It was, in fact, only three minutes later when Manga fumbled in Brazil's goal and Metreveli seized the chance to equalise.

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MAN IN THE MIDDLE'S VIEWS

By Sidney Clarkson

MYSTERY HAS REMAINED IN LAWS

"HERE we are again," calls out Mr. Punch from his seaside box. Yet a few minutes' watching of the familiar scene shows us the same rascally but lovable character unfolding. One feels in a similar mood as one critically reviews the August 1964 revision of the Referees Chart — the official English laws of the game issued by the Football Association and authorised by the International Football Association under their copyright.

The foolish vertical columns of advice to players, secretaries and referees has been abandoned and the law is more plainly set out on the left-hand side page with the International Board's Decisions facing on the right.

Variation

It is in the explanations to referees that officialdom has to admit some variation so that a close reading of the laws reveals a world of difference in the word "shall" — implying compulsory condition and the word "may" which suggests an allowable permission. Thus to Law 1 the law in part 6, The Goals, adds that nets may be attached to the posts and below, it is suggested to referees that they should examine nets to see they are pegged down and without holes. Now since this commodity costs about £20 a pair this is a luxury beyond the reach of many junior clubs. Not a few referees in Minor Leagues give a hollow laugh and heartily agree that nets *may* be attached, but it is unlikely they ever are in their games. One supposes it adds to the natural hazards!

Almost below this free advice to referees is the dictum that goal-posts should be painted white. Jolly good, but how often? We have seen some bent efforts in public parks corrugated with rust which have possibly seen a paint brush at their first installation in the days when side-whiskers and Norfolk jackets for officials was the thing. Well the modern ref. could well go on the field with a balance to weigh the ball (14–16 oz. or 396–453 grams) at the start; he could supply himself with calipers to ascertain the correct diameter of 27–28 inches and the same instrument might be used to check projecting studs or diameter of bars or foot attachments. A can of white paint one humorously passes over to club secretary.

The International Board rightly concerns itself with the "big match" which attracts the attention of the sporting press and television these days. Quite clearly it suggests a limitation on the number of cameramen and their use at night of flashlight equipment and a line at least two metres away from which they may catch the highlights of the match. One wonders then why an otherwise excellent referee this season at the opening game of Sheffield Wednesday v. Blackburn Rovers was most patient with a cameraman who actually came on to the pitch in a goalmouth incident and later caused the home full-back to leap over his prostrate body in a desperate tussle with an eager forward near goal.

How often has the young referee starting out on his onerous course to put up with "second best" and the Laws often piously suggest where they might order. "Be insistent that flag-posts are not less than five feet high," they say, because shorter ones are dangerous. Early in the season a club had some sticks little longer than cricket wickets and the referee had to choose between having the guidance at the corner of these dangerous unsuitable ones or none at all. In the same section of advice referees are advised to get early to the ground and refuse play if bad weather or neglect endangers the players. *If time allows,* lines are to be marked before the match. That seems plain on paper, but in the same breath one knows that this winter there will be junior pitches where much play and bad weather on a public recreation ground may make markings difficult to follow and the short hours of daylight in a winter afternoon do not allow time for a proper marking of the ground and a full match play. A referee can only report a club for poor marking out to the organising authority, and of himself cannot *cancel* a game on his own initiative.

Law 2 is quite terse and refers to the ball. Now in the notes at the front the F.A. admit variations in size of playing pitch and ball, distance between width of posts (that's a surprise to many) and the height of the crossbar.

Fatuous

This allowable variation is quite laudable since it is fatuous to expect a youngster to kick a heavy size 5 ball on a man's pitch or to attempt to save a shot skimming under an 8 ft. cross-bar. Yet how unreasonable to state categorically that the ball's outer casing must be of leather. I have no shares to sell in plastic or rubber, but do know that my time is saved weekly by being able to plunge a needle valve into a moulded size 3 ball of triple rubber the same weight as a dry ball and to blow the ball up to correct pressure in a space of seconds. This ball does not gather mud during the heaviest of weathers and can be washed as new immediately after a game. A ball-point pen also marks the school's property adequately — an important consideration on conserving one's requisition. All this, according to Law 2, is illegal. Please don't tell Sir Stanley but quite a few sportsmasters of my acquaintance are playing fine sporting games every week with these balls.

But one more variation in the interpretation of the laws between the national and the international body is seen in the Law 4 about players' equipment. In an international match the board says the referee "shall inspect the players' boots". In your league or junior match he may examine the boots "if asked to do so". Yet in which sphere of the game is there most likely to be a projecting nail or dangerous stud? To look at the feet when there is reason for doubt (that is, after a scratch and injury) is indeed shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted! The laws are sound, but the explanations and additions are open to comment and enquiry.

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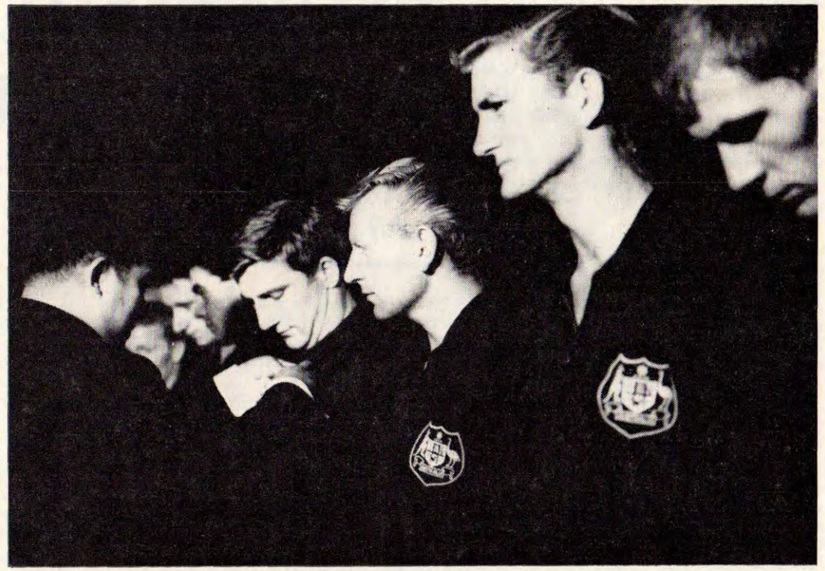

Prince Norodan Sihanouk, Cambodia's Head of State presents medals to the Australian players before the match at Phnom-Penh. (A.D.I.)

AUSSIES STUNNED BY KOREANS

AUSTRALIAN NEWS from Andrew Dettre

"WE'LL just have to start from scratch and start we will," said Ian McAndrew, secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation, when news of Australia's debacle arrived from Cambodia. The two defeats but particularly the first, 6-1 blow by the hands of the totally unknown and vastly underestimated North Korea, deeply shocked the Australian soccer world. Just when hopes were raised that Australia might be entering a period of boom, thanks to the prestige of World Cup finals—which we had hoped to reach — came these blows, cruel and staggering.

What went wrong? Many things which, with hindsight, should have been avoided. It was generally thought that the North Koreans wouldn't even bother to turn up in Cambodia for the play-offs; if they did, surely they would go unprepared. And anyway, who is this North Korea, what did they ever do, whom did they beat?

Not one person in Australia had known what to expect; not one had reason to doubt that the Aussies would hit the Koreans for six and come home covered in glory.

In view of this widespread optimism, the four-week training stint by the Australian team was considered ample. Didn't coach Tiko Jelisavcic say the players are fitter than ever? Didn't they run miles every day on the beach? Didn't they beat some local Queensland village teams 15-0 and 17-0 in training matches?

The whole atmosphere was one of undue optimism and self-delusion. Naturally, the awakening was damned rude.

The North Koreans, it turns out, have been preparing for eight solid years for the 1966 World Cup. Yes, you heard right: eight years. This has been their target since 1957 when they reorganised their whole soccer set-up.

To start with, they created a national squad of about 40 players and took them away from their clubs. These players didn't take part in the ordinary competition and league matches; they were kept together and trained twice daily. Their jobs—army physical education officers—allowed this.

The present Korean side has been playing together for four years, almost without changes. Their eleven players who inflicted this terrible 6-1 on Australia totalled among them an amazing 374 international caps—almost all against neighbouring Asian countries like Indonesia, North Vietnam, China, Cambodia and Laos.

Naturally, this kind of international experience, even if not gained in the more sophisticated European theatre, goes a long way in World Cup elimination ties. The North Koreans played like a solid, clever team, quickly, accurately—and effectively.

Praised

Colleague Lucien Gautier who was at Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, for Sydney's *Soccer World* newspaper as well as *France Football*, was in raptures over the North Koreans.

"They play just as accurately and cleverly as Torpedo Moscow —but shoot like the best English professionals," he said.

"In fact, I rate them a better team than either Everton or Chelsea."

The former all-time French great, Reims star Vincent, is now national coach of neighbouring Laos. He was at the match—and he also talked in superlatives of the Koreans.

"I don't think any French team ever played better, not even our best side in the 1958 World Cup," he said.

"They will beat many European teams next year and will cause some unpleasant surprises. They are certainly streets ahead of the South Korean team that was given such hidings in the 1954 World Cup."

Contrary to general expectations, the North Koreans are not all small little chaps; some are strong, athletic and even robust. They play like a brilliantly blended team, passes finding the right man in the right space. "They could play blindfolded," said Gautier after the match. "The Aussies didn't stand a chance. . . ."

Their greatest star is right-winger Han Bong Jin, who could create quite a stir in Europe next year. He is lightning fast, dribbles like Garrincha and shoots like Bobby Charlton. The poor Australian left-back, Stan Ackerley, was nearly driven out of his mind during the 90 minutes by this wizard. His inside-man, Pak Do Ok, is a brilliant schemer. Others who more than caught the eye were full-back Shin Yung Hyoo, stopper Lim Zoong Sun, left-half On Sung Hwi and outside-left Kim Seung Ol. The names look odd, even quaint—but European fans may well take the trouble to memorise them for next year. . . .

After the 1-6 debacle the return match, also at Phnom-Penh, was a do-or-die effort on the part of the Australians. Realising that they simply had to salvage some of their prestige, they fought every inch of the way but even so, went down 1-3. By now the Australian defence had tightened and gone was the flamboyant approach that characterised the Australians before the first clash.

In fact, it was Australia who grabbed the lead in the 15th minute through Jim Pearson, the diminutive, Scottish-born left-winger. Three minutes later a 20-yard piledriver pulled the Koreans even and that was the score at half-time. Half-way through the second period the better condition of the Koreans

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EXCITING TIME — FOR FRANCE

PARIS NEWSLETTER by JERRY WEINSTEIN

THE past month has indeed been an exciting time in France. First and foremost, of course, was the victory over Luxembourg at Marseille before a 35,000 crowd which left her high and dry at the top of the World Cup Qualification Group three points ahead of Norway, who finished with a fantastic 1-1 draw in Belgrade, Yugoslavia and poor Luxembourg who lost all six games.

The victory at Marseille left nothing to write about: a brilliant first half in which Combin and Gondet each scored twice was followed by an indifferent, slack, almost irresponsible, second half which allowed Luxembourg to score a goal. It is to be noted that France conceded only two goals in six matches during the qualifying matches and it remains to be seen how they shape in England next July. My hunch is that they will do much better than could have been expected a few months ago.

Although the defence is now tight and dominating (as the figures testify) especially since the advent of the remarkable Budzinski of Nantes, the attack leaves much to be desired. Of course I would have preferred a brilliant attack and a suspect defence ... the shadows of the 1958 World Cup performances by the French forwards still loom ... but there is time for that. It should not be forgotten that against both Yugoslavia and Luxembourg the French were without their best players and the hub of their offensive activity: Robbie Herbin of St. Etienne and Yvan Douis of Monaco. Against Yugoslavia both cried off through injury and after the French win, manager and selector Henri Guérin declined to change a winning side although Herbin and Douis were fit. I hate to think of the consequences of such a bold decision if France had lost; in fact France would have qualified anyhow in the light of the Norway v. Yugoslavia draw in Belgrade but no one was to guess that result.

Highly rated

I continue to think that Combin must go; because at one stage he scored a large number of goals — before he went to Italy where he has had a disastrous career with Juventus and now with Varese — he has been highly rated; in my view there are at least half a dozen centre-forwards currently who are better. The trouble may well be not so much in finding the players but in deciding once and for all the right combination and holding to it. Whatever else happens, and form set aside, the attack must be built around the gifted players: Herbin, Douis and Hausser, Strasbourg's brilliant two-footed winger who has been so outstanding in the European matches against Milan. Strasbourg were, incidentally, only eliminated after holding Milan once at home and twice away in Milan .. following the toss of a coin.

Probably also Joseph Bonnel, who in the past has seemed merely hard-working, but who is now becoming an indispensable fighter for the ball with inexhaustible energy.

The teams at Marseille were:
France: Aubour (Lyon); Cardiet (Rennes), Bosquier (Sochaux), Budzinski (Nantes) and Chorda (Bordeaux); Bonnel (Valenciennes) and Artelesa (Monaco); Herbet (Sedan), Combin (Varese), Gondet (Nantes) and Hausser (Strasbourg).
Luxembourg: N. Schmitt (Montdorf); Kuffer (Red Boys), Brossius (Spora), Konter (Anderlecht) and Hofstetter (Bonnevoie); Schneider (Union) and Jeitz (Bonnevoie); Klein (Dudelange), Pilot (Standard od Liège), A. Schmitt (Sochaux) and Biewers (Wasserbillig).
Referee: Mr. Zariquie gui (Spain). Goals by Combin (two), Gondet (two) for France; Pilot for Luxembourg.

The night before Armistice Day in Paris was like a Spanish corrida; the Spaniards of Paris turned up in their hordes to see the World Cup Qualifying match play-off of their national side v. Eire. Over 35,000 came to the Parc des Princes that night (more than for France v. Yugoslavia though the latter match was televised in France) and the atmosphere was electric. Let me say at once that the Irish team despite absences through injury was marvellous: indeed if centre-forward McEvoy of Blackburn had taken a golden chance early on the Spanish masters would have been out. As it was, with the Frenchmen in the crowd, although less than 10% it seemed, cheering them on, the Republic of Ireland fought magnificently and held on until the last ten minutes. Then a sloppy goal by right-winger Ufarte, which should never have been scored, dashed their hopes.

On this performance Spain have a long way to go to be a menace in England next year; even the great Luis Suarez with his positional sense and masterly strategy was scarcely in the top class; at one point I counted five out of seven of his passes go astray largely due to beautiful anticipation by a superb Irish defence. Manchester United have never played better, as my neighbour said to me: Pat Dunne in goal in particular was dazzling. The best man on the field, however, was Johnny Giles of Leeds United, a little tireless wonder ... alas the Irish attack, despite a promising début from Eamonn Dunphy of York City had no rhythm or flow. We shall all look back in wonder at what was nearly another World Cup upset of shattering proportions.

Asked

I talked with Irish team manager Johnny Carey after the game and asked him to sum up the Spanish side; he has after all seen quite a lot of them in recent times! He reminded me that if Eire has not had a goal disallowed in the match in Spain (when the score was 0-0) the third match might never have been necessary. His verdict: "The Spaniards are a good team when they are on top." A faintly laconic but, at least on this showing, just assessment. He was in good spirits and rightly proud of the way his team had won the hearts of Paris. Finally, a little hesitantly, I asked him about Nottingham Forest. Carey's reply reveals his sublime temperament: "We occasionally win matches." One really cannot add anything to that!

After the match against Yugoslavia, the victorious French team and some of the exuberant followers did a "Tour of Honour" round the pitch. On the left is Philippe Gondet whose fine goal gave France victory. (Central.)

AUSSIE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

THE leading soccer football referee of Melbourne, Australia, Mr. Roger Lamb, 37, was recently appointed by F.I.F.A., the international governing body of the game, to the pool of referees eligible for the World Cup and other international matches controlled by F.I.F.A.

Mr. Lamb is one of six Australian referees appointed to the F.I.F.A. pool. The others are Mr. Tony Boskovic and Mr. Harold Parsons of Sydney, New South Wales; Mr. Vince Dobinson, of Brisbane, Queensland; Mr. Bill Howsie, of Adelaide, South Australia; and Mr. Edward Bude, of Perth, Western Australia.

Mr. Michael Weinstein, executive member of the Australian Soccer Federation, said in Melbourne, that the appointment of six Australian referees to F.I.F.A. and Australia's participation in the World Cup series had lifted considerably the prestige of Australian soccer overseas.

To referee international matches will be no novelty to Mr. Lamb. He has refereed most of the matches played by overseas teams in Melbourne, including two Test matches between English teams, Everton and Chelsea, and Australia.

Mr. Lamb has built an impressive record in eight years' refereeing in the Victorian State League. He has handled most of the League finals, Australian Cup and Dockerty Cup finals, as well as more than 20 inter-State matches.

Particularly impressed with Mr. Lamb's refereeing was Sir Stanley Rous, President of F.I.F.A., when he visited Australia 12 months ago.

Sir Stanley, who was accompanied by two members of F.I.F.A.'s referee committee, Mr. W. Winterbottom and Mr. Kow-Tei Teik, organised in Melbourne a three-weeks' instruction course for 10 selected referees. Mr. Lamb scored the highest marks among the participants.

F.I.F.A. might not require Mr. Lamb's services before the World Cup series start in England in August 1966. Australia's participation in the Cup depended on the outcome of its preliminary match with North Korea, which was played in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, last November.

Referee Lamb. (O.I.)

TOP SIX CLUBS AROUND EUROPE . . .

ENGLAND	Pld.	Pts.	BELGIUM	Pld.	Pts.	ITALY	Pld.	Pts.	EAST GERMANY	Pld.	Pts.
Liverpool	21	31	St. Trond	12	23	Internazionale	12	18	Vorwaerts	12	16
Burnley	20	28	Anderlecht	12	21	Naples	12	18	Dresden	12	15
Leeds United	18	25	Beerschot	12	19	Juventus	12	17	Motor Jena	12	15
Tottenham Hotspur	20	25	Mechelen	12	16	AC Milan	12	16	Karlmarxstadt	12	15
Sheffield United	21	25	Antwerp	13	14	Fiorentina	12	14	SK Leipzig	12	14
Manchester United	19	24	Standard Liege	12	12	Bologna	12	14	Dynamo Berlin	12	13

SCOTLAND	Pld.	Pts.	HOLLAND	Pld.	Pts.	YUGOSLAVIA	Pld.	Pts.	WEST GERMANY	Pld.	Pts.
Rangers	14	26	Ajax	12	21	Vojvoidina	14	22	1860 Munchen	15	26
Celtic	13	23	Feijenoord	11	15	Sarajevo	14	17	Bayern Munchen	16	24
Dunfermline	14	22	Twente	11	14	Vardar	14	17	Borussia Dortmund	16	24
Dundee United	14	20	Sparta	12	14	OFK Belgrade	14	15	1st FC Koln	16	23
Aberdeen	14	18	DWS	12	14	Velez	14	15	Werder Bremen	16	20
Dundee	13	17	Eindhoven	12	14	Laibach	14	14	Eintracht Frankfurt	16	19

FRANCE	Pld.	Pts.	LUXEMBOURG	Pld.	Pts.	BULGARIA	Pld.	Pts.	SWITZERLAND	Pld.	Pts.
Nantes	19	31	Aris	11	16	Levski	11	18	Zurich	13	23
Valenciennes	19	26	Jeunesse	12	15	Spartak Sofia	12	16	Servette	11	17
Bordeaux	19	24	Union	11	14	Slavia	11	15	Granges	12	15
St. Etienne	19	23	Rumelingen	11	13	CSKA	10	13	Lausanne	11	14
Sedan	19	23	US Dudelange	10	12	Vratza	12	13	Young Boys	12	14
Monaco	19	22	Spora	11	12	Spartak Plovdiv	12	13	Grasshoppers	13	13

ERIC OOYMAN tells the story of Racing Club Heemstede and in the telling gives some interesting glimpses into the development of professional football in Holland.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

EUROPEAN club competitions have made the name of Dutch clubs like Feijenoord, D.W.S., Sparta and Ajax familiar to football enthusiasts but only the few, better-informed British fans will know the name of R.C.H., the Second Division semi-professional side from the city of Heemstede. Yet the Racing, as they are nicknamed, have an interesting story of ups and downs that shows, in its telling, much of the history of football in the Netherlands.

Racing Club Heemstede back row left to right: Pyl (trainer), Jonout, Koning, Euwes, Koers, Nanal, Meyer. Front: Marbo, Hendriks, Fransz, Van Doesselaar, van der Meeren. (O.)

The club was formed early in 1911 and called first Football Club "Achilles", then F.C. "Alcides", and, almost finally, in 1912 R.C.H. (Racing Club Haarlem). It was not, however, until 1920 that R.C.H. moved from their old ground in the borough of Velsen to Haarlem—and the change brought them luck as in 1921 they finished runners-up to Feijenoord in the Second Division to gain promotion. It was almost short-lived promotion as at the end of the next season it was only by beating H.B.S. of The Hague in the final match that R.H.C. escaped relegation. Then, in 1923 with an English trainer, Mr. J. W. Julian, R.C.H. won the Western section of the First Division—until 1954 when semi-professionalism was introduced, the First Division was regionalised. R.C.H. in 1923 had to take part in a final Championship competition with Be Quick Groningen, champions of the North, Go Ahead Deventer (East) and Willem II Tilburg (South). R.C.H. were the ultimate winners and the national champions only 12½ years after their foundation — a unique record in Dutch football.

It was, incidentally, following this championship success that R.C.H. made their first foreign trip — to England where they played Wycombe Wanderers (lost 2-5) and West Ham United (lost 2-4). In 1932 the city of Heemstede (almost a suburb of Haarlem) offered the club a new stadium with more comfort that was eagerly occupied by R.C.H. who, by 1936, were the biggest football club in Holland with 46 teams regularly taking the field each week. The playing success of their first eleven was less exciting, however, and, after playing only a mediocre role for several seasons, they were relegated in 1937.

War-time football saw R.C.H. in the Second Division but in 1948 they engaged a new trainer—Leslie Talbot, the man who since 1960 has guided the Amsterdam club, D.W.S., to First Division and Division of Honour Champions in 1963 and 1964 respectively.

It did not take long for Leslie Talbot to lick R.C.H. into shape as the club won the Second Division title in 1949 and were promoted to the First Division. The lads in the blue and black striped shirts finished as runners-up in 1952 and as champions one year later. Let me remind you that the League was still in 1953 regionalised and R.C.H. had to do battle for the overall championship with Eindhoven (not today's P.S.V.), Sparta Rotterdam and Vitesse Arnhem. It was a very close competition with R.C.H. and Eindhoven finishing equal with seven points but it was R.C.H., exactly 30 years after their first national championship victory, who won the deciding match in the Feijenoord Stadium by 2-1. Their most celebrated player at this time was Louck Biesbrouck—capped 19 times for the national team as an inside-forward.

It was soon after this that the rumblings of discontent with the Netherlands F.A. (K.N.V.B.) refusal to admit a measure of professionalism lead to the formation of a new body called the Nederlands Beroeps Voetbal Bond (N.B.V.B.) whose member clubs like Fortuna '54, "Amsterdam", De Graafschap, Alkmaar '54 and Holland Sport welcomed semi-professionalism that attracted back to Holland many Dutch players from Italian, Spanish, French and German clubs.

During a short period "wild" football was played by these clubs and the football fans considered their standard of football so attractive that the attendances at the official League matches became lower and lower until K.N.V.B. had to recognise that professional football was needed to increase the overall standard of football in Holland. On November 7, 1954, the two bodies amalgamated.

Dutch League football was reorganised with a national Division of Honour followed by regional First and lower Divisions. R.C.H., to continue their story, had been relegated in 1954 and found themselves placed in the Second Division in the newly-formed competition. They won the title but failed to gain quick promotion after matches against N.O.A.D. Tilburg, K.F.C. and G.V.A.V.

Meanwhile the economics of professionalism were making it plain that not all the "old" clubs could continue to exist as professional clubs and that the logical step was for local clubs to amalgamate. To prove that these combination of forces can be very successful you have only to look at today's Division of Honour where, at the time of writing, F.C. Twente (the amalgamation of Sportclub Enschede and Enschede Boys) and Sport Club Telstar (V.S.V. and Stormvogels) are occupying third and tenth positions respectively.

In Haarlem there are three Second Division clubs—Haarlem, E.D.O. and, of course, R.C.H. A combination of these clubs has been discussed but no agreement was reached so that the members of R.C.H. elected a new board of officials with Colonel A. H. Schreuders, Territorial Commander of North-Holland, as their President and Mr. Ing. V. Schuytvlot as General Secretary—and one of the first acts of the new board, as if to signify their ambition to regain past glories, was to change the name (the initials stay the same) from Racing Club Haarlem to Racing Club Heemstede — R.C.H. feel indeed that they owe a lot to the city of Heemstede and the club intend to make Heemstede proud of them.

This season the first three clubs of each Second Division are to be promoted to the First Division and R.C.H. are determined to take this first step forward. They have engaged the former G.V.A.V. trainer, van der Pijl, and signed experienced players like Herman Koers from Blauw-Wit, Jan Fransz (Holland Sport) and, from A.D.O., Chris Croes and Peter Hoet to link up with existing established players as Laszlo Nanai, a Hungarian refugee, and Ulrich Maslo who came from the West German club Rot-Weiss Essen in 1962.

At the time of writing R.C.H. are sharing second place in the table with Limburgia, the miners' club, and F.C. Den Bosch, and the fans have acknowledged that they recognise R.C.H.'s revival with ten thousand spectators for the "derby" against Haarlem (2-1) and seven thousand for a "key" match against the Dordrecht club D.F.C.—very good attendances for Dutch Second Division matches (with this being the equivalent to a Third Division in England).

"Out of darkness comes the light"—and in Dutch football R.C.H. is on its way to a new and brilliant future, leaving behind the darkness of struggling in Second Division football.

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enabled them to score two more goals—both from 20 yards—and wrap up the series: two matches, two wins, nine goals scored, two conceded. . . .

The Australian team, as it's now being admitted, was only sketchily prepared; four weeks in a training camp before a World Cup tie is no longer enough. The team also lacked cohesion and style. In the first encounter the team foolishly tried the, for them, quite new 4-2-4 system. The result was that all the players were out of position most of the time and the North Korean midfield men were allowed to operate in luxurious freedom.

All this was quickly changed for the second tie. The team reverted to the three full-back system and close marking. It wasn't enough for a win but at least saved them from another tennis score.

Needless to say, gloom descended on the Australian soccer scene at once the defeats were known and various newspaper critics—who would bury soccer and pronounce "amen" over its body at the drop of a hat — promptly tore into the Federation, charging them with causing "the greatest humiliation in Australian sport". Naturally, this is a vast exaggeration; Australian sport had worse catastrophes than this, yet survived, indeed, managed to flourish.

But regardless of the critics and their fiendish delight, the sad truth is that Australian soccer was found badly wanting. What a few had suspected but feared to admit even to themselves turned out to be more than true: in the international arena Australian soccer is still a nonentity.

This, of course, may change. The Australian Soccer Federation is certain to do a very thorough and probably painful soul-searching not so much for the reasons of the Cambodian fiasco but for the improvement of the game. An increasing number of people feel that Australia should turn more and more towards her Asian neighbours for international contact and experience, taking part in the Merdeka Games and various other tournaments in South-east Asia. If Australia has ambitions to become even a second-class power in the world of soccer, the start must be humble but properly planned and executed.

People also feel that Australia has to re-learn the bitter lessons other countries had also digested. Of the 16 players used in the two matches against North Korea, only two were Australian-born: Bill Rorke and John Roberts, the two goalkeepers. This is a poor reflection on Australian soccer's "youth policy" which, let's admit, is still a myth. While we rely on fourth-rate Scottish and English imports, our chances of rising into even a respectable status are nil.

All this, no doubt, will be thrashed out in the next few weeks and months during which the Australian Federation must find a new course for its policies. If they can do that, the lessons of Phnom-Penh will have been valuable.

The Australian team will return to Sydney on December 12, after a brief tour of Hong Kong and Malaysia where they will play four or five friendly matches. Of these—and their experiences—in next month's issue.

DETAILS:

North Korea—Australia 6-1 (1-0 at Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, Nov. 21. Crowd: 60,000; referee: P. Nice (Malaysia).

North Korea: Li Chan Myung; Pak Si Sul, Shin Yung Hyoo; Kang Bong Chil, Lim Zoong Sun, On Sung Hwi; Han Bong Jin, Pak Do Ok, Pak Seung Jin, Kang Ryong Woon, Seung Ol.

Australia: J. Roberts; N. Shepherd, S. Ackerley; P. Hughes, W. Rice, L. Scheinflug; G. Sleight, J. Anderson, A. Blue, J. Watkiss, D. Todd.

Scorers: Pak Seing Jin (2), Han Bong Jin (2), Pak Do Ok, On Sung Hwi and L. Scheinflug (Australia).

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North Korea—Australia 3-1 (1-1) at Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, Nov. 24. Crowd: 52,000; referee: A. G. de Silva (Singapore).

North Korea: Li Chan Myung; Pak Si Sul, Shin Yung Kyoo; Hang Bong Chil, Lim Zoong Sun, On Sung Hwi; Han Bong Jin, Kim Yung Kil, Pak Seung Jin, Hang Ryong Woon, Kim Seung Ol.

Australia: R. Rorke; N. Shepherd, W. Cook; P. Hughes, W. Rice, J. Watkiss; R. Blitz, J. Anderson, S. Herczeg, L. Scheinflug, J. Pearson.

Scorers: Pak Seung Jin, Kim Seung Ol (2) and L. Scheinflug (Australia).

ERIC BATTY

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Here in England the movement towards playing a tactically balanced game has already begun, and we can clearly see away teams tightening up just a little and attacking slightly more at home. In most cases, however, this is achieved by *changing* the players from game to game as Herrera did with Barcelona, and this is only the first step. The ideal is to develop dual purpose and then multi-purpose players who can wear any shirt and play any way to orders. When this has been achieved we shall ourselves be watching multi-purpose teams demonstrating Willy Meisl's wheel, and the game will have come an awful long way since 1863 when all the players attacked and defended in turn. . . . ? ? ?

[Editor's Note: Next month Eric Batty will describe how such players can be developed.]

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WORLD CUP LATEST

Brazilian captain Mauro holds the Jules Rimet Cup after the 1962 triumph in Chile. Will they retain the trophy this year? (A.P.)

GROUP 1

Belgium	1	Israel	0
Bulgaria	4	Israel	0
Bulgaria	3	Belgium	0
Belgium	5	Bulgaria	0
Israel	0	Belgium	5
Israel	1	Bulgaria	2

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Belgium	4	3	0	1	11	3	6
Bulgaria	4	3	0	1	9	6	6
Israel	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

(Play-off necessary)

GROUP 2

West Germany	1	Sweden	1
West Germany	5	Cyprus	0
Sweden	3	Cyprus	0
Sweden	1	West Germany	2
Cyprus	0	Sweden	5
Cyprus	0	West Germany	6

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
West Germany	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**14**	**2**	**7**
Sweden	4	2	1	1	10	3	5
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	0	19	0

GROUP 3

Yugoslavia	3	Luxembourg	1
Luxembourg	0	France	2
Luxembourg	0	Norway	2
France	1	Norway	0
Yugoslavia	1	France	0
Norway	4	Luxembourg	2
Norway	3	Yugoslavia	0
Luxembourg	2	Yugoslavia	5
France	1	Yugoslavia	0
Yugoslavia	1	Norway	1
France	4	Luxembourg	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
France	**6**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**9**	**2**	**10**
Norway	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
Yugoslavia	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	6	20	0

GROUP 4

Portugal	5	Turkey	1
Turkey	0	Portugal	1
Czechoslovakia	0	Portugal	1
Rumania	3	Turkey	0
Rumania	1	Czechoslovakia	0
Portugal	2	Rumania	1
Czechoslovakia	3	Rumania	1
Turkey	0	Czechoslovakia	6
Turkey	2	Rumania	1
Portugal	0	Czechoslovakia	0
Czechoslovakia	3	Turkey	1
Rumania	2	Portugal	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Portugal	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**4**	**9**
Czechoslovakia	6	3	1	2	12	4	7
Rumania	6	3	0	3	9	7	6
Turkey	6	1	0	5	4	19	2

GROUP 5

Netherlands	2	Albania	0
N. Ireland	1	Switzerland	0
Albania	0	Netherlands	2
Switzerland	2	N. Ireland	1
N. Ireland	2	Netherlands	1
Albania	0	Switzerland	2
Netherlands	0	N. Ireland	0
Switzerland	1	Albania	0
N. Ireland	4	Albania	1
Netherlands	0	Switzerland	0
Switzerland	2	Netherlands	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Switzerland	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**9**
N. Ireland	6	3	2	1	9	5	8
Netherlands	6	2	2	2	6	4	6
Albania	6	0	1	5	2	12	1

GROUP 6

Austria	1	East Germany	1
East Germany	1	Hungary	1
Austria	0	Hungary	1
Hungary	3	Austria	2
Hungary	3	East Germany	2
East Germany	1	Austria	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Hungary	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**8**	**5**	**7**
East Germany	4	1	2	1	5	5	4
Austria	4	0	1	3	3	6	1

GROUP 7

Denmark	1	Wales	0
Greece	4	Denmark	2
Greece	2	Wales	0
Wales	4	Greece	1
U.S.S.R.	3	Greece	1
U.S.S.R.	2	Wales	1
U.S.S.R.	6	Denmark	0
Greece	1	U.S.S.R.	4
Denmark	1	U.S.S.R.	3
Denmark	1	Greece	1
Wales	2	U.S.S.R.	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
U.S.S.R.	**6**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**19**	**6**	**10**
Wales	6	3	0	3	11	9	6
Greece	6	2	1	3	10	14	5
Denmark	6	1	1	4	7	18	3

GROUP 8

Scotland	3	Finland	1
Italy	6	Finland	1
Poland	0	Italy	0
Poland	1	Scotland	1
Finland	1	Scotland	2
Finland	0	Italy	2
Finland	2	Poland	0
Scotland	1	Poland	2
Poland	7	Finland	0
Italy	6	Poland	1
Scotland	1	Italy	0

Fenyvesi heads the only goal in the Vienna World Cup match against Austria. Hungary qualified in this group. (Keystone.)

France (dark shirts) clinched their World Cup place by beating Luxembourg. (Central.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Italy	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**17**	**3**	**9**
Scotland	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Poland	6	2	2	2	11	10	6
Finland	6	1	0	5	5	20	2

GROUP 9

Eire	1	Spain	0
Spain	4	Eire	1

Play-off:

Spain	**1**	**Eire**	**0**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Spain	**2**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**2**
Eire	2	1	0	1	2	4	2

GROUP 11

Peru	1	Venezuela	0
Uruguay	5	Venezuela	0
Venezuela	1	Uruguay	3
Venezuela	3	Peru	6
Peru	0	Uruguay	1
Uruguay	2	Peru	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Uruguay	**4**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**2**	**8**
Peru	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
Venezuela	4	0	0	4	4	15	0

GROUP 12

Colombia	0	Ecuador	1
Ecuador	2	Colombia	2
Chile	7	Colombia	2
Colombia	2	Chile	0
Ecuador	2	Chile	2
Chile	3	Ecuador	1

Play-off:

Chile	**2**	**Ecuador**	**1**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Chile	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**12**	**7**	**5**
Ecuador	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Colombia	4	1	0	3	4	10	2

GROUP 13

Paraguay	2	Bolivia	0
Argentina	3	Paraguay	0
Paraguay	0	Argentina	0
Argentina	4	Bolivia	1
Bolivia	2	Paraguay	1
Bolivia	1	Argentina	2

Pat Dunne (Eire) saves from Spanish forward Pereda in the play-off game in Paris which Spain won 1-0. (A.P.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Argentina	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**9**	**2**	**7**
Paraguay	4	1	1	2	3	5	3
Bolivia	4	1	0	3	4	9	2

GROUP 15

Section 1:

Cuba	2	Jamaica	1
Jamaica	1	Cuba	0
Cuba	1	Nether'ds Antilles	0
Nether'ds Antilles	1	Cuba	0
Jamaica	2	Nether'ds Antilles	0
Nether'ds Antilles	0	Jamaica	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Jamaica	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Cuba	4	2	0	2	3	3	4
Netherlands Antilles	4	1	1	2	1	3	3

Section 2:

Trinidad	4	Suriname	1
Costa Rica	1	Suriname	0
Suriname	1	Costa Rica	3
Costa Rica	4	Trinidad	0
Suriname	6	Trinidad	1
Trinidad	0	Costa Rica	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Costa Rica	4	4	0	0	9	1	8
Suriname	4	1	0	3	8	9	2
Trinidad	4	1	0	3	5	12	2

Section 3:

Honduras	0	Mexico	1
Mexico	3	Honduras	0
Mexico	2	U.S.A.	0
U.S.A.	2	Mexico	2
Honduras	0	U.S.A.	1
U.S.A.	1	Honduras	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Mexico	4	3	1	0	8	2	7
U.S.A.	4	1	2	1	4	5	4
Honduras	4	0	1	3	1	6	1

Final round:

Costa Rica	0	Mexico	0
Jamaica	2	Mexico	3
Mexico	8	Jamaica	0
Costa Rica	7	Jamaica	0
Mexico	1	Costa Rica	0
Jamaica	1	Costa Rica	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
Mexico	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**12**	**2**	**7**
Costa Rica	4	1	2	1	8	2	4
Jamaica	4	0	1	3	3	19	1

GROUP 16

Australia	1	North Korea	6
North Korea	3	Australia	3

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pt.
North Korea	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**2**	**4**
Australia	2	0	0	2	2	9	0

(Qualifiers in black type plus Brazil and England.)

AROUND THE WORLD STORIES

Recently back from a six-week tour of the Middle and Far East is Mr. John Humphreys (left) managing director of Humphreys Bros. Ltd., makers of Umbro sportswear. (O.)

AROUND THE WORLD STORIES

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Nusret Mahic. After showing that cars and cash were given to players — above the levels laid down by the Sports Ministry, Mahic was gaoled for 6½ years, and the club fined a further £25,000.

The last round of league matches before the winter break took 80,000 to watch the big Belgrade local derby, Partizan–Red Star, and, as often happens, Red Star beat the champions 2-1. It seems likely that, as often happens, Partizan's European Cup bid will prevent them retaining the national title for they are a full six points behind the leaders, Vojvodina (Novi Sad). After 14 years in Division I, Vojvodina have never been champions and this is the first time they have been "winter-meister". In second place are Sarajevo F.C., brought out of Division II by the current national coach, Gegic, four points behind Vojvodina, while Vardar Skoplje occupy third place, and fully justified the intervention of the F.A. which enabled them to stay in Division I two years ago when they finished among the relegation pair after suffering badly in the Skoplje earthquake.

Down at the foot of the table are the three clubs "fined" six and five points each, Hajduk (split), Tresnjevka (Zagreb) and Zeleznicar (Sarajevo). All three are out of the red, but trail well behind the field, and it becomes increasingly unlikely that they will all survive.

BRAZIL

RUSSIA'S first visit to Rio de Janeiro proved a big attraction and drew 113,248 fans to the Maracana stadium and record gate receipts of £70,000. The result, a 2-2 draw so soon after the 3-0 win in Moscow last July, brought a wave of criticism for Vicente Feola, who still retains the backing of the CBD. Once more success for Brazil hangs on the form of Pelé, though the match against Russia was thrown away "literally" by goalkeeper Manga. Leading 2-0, Manga threw the ball out straight to Russian centre-forward, Banischevsky, who promptly scored to put Russia back in the game.

With two games left in the Sao Paulo championship, Santos F.C. have already clinched their claim to the championship.

RUSSIA DRAW BIG CROWD

Beating Juventus 4-0 (Pelé three), they now lead their closest challenger, Corinthians, by six points and cannot be overhauled. The previous week-end Santos hammered Prudenthina 5-2 (Pelé five), and Pelé is naturally once more Sao Paulo's top goal-getter. His tally before the last two games is 43 — an average of 2½ goals per game he actually played in.

In the Copa do Brasil, the tournament which decides the team to represent Brazil in the South American equivalent of the European Cup, Vasco da Gama reached the final (from Rio) to meet Santos, but the Paulistas champions virtually destroyed Vasco in the first leg 5-1 and followed that with a 1-0 win in Rio. This was Santos's fifth success in the series, and their third league and cup double.

CHILE

UNDERGOING a twelve month ban from entering the playing arena, Fernando Riera is becoming more and more unsettled in Santiago. After steering Chile to third place in the 1962 World Cup he resigned to take over one of the top clubs, Universidad Catolica, but the authorities have vetoed every move he made designed to modernise the game in Chile. With offers from Argentina, Spain and Portugal it seems certain he will be in Europe again next season.

Qualified for the trip to England next year, Chile's chances of reaching the quarter-finals are thought to be very slim. For the start of the qualifying campaign Riera's chief lieutenant (Hormazabal) was promoted, but defeat against Colombia led to his dismissal and the appointment of Juan Alamos. Now the F.A. have ruled that the 1966 league campaign will be held up for three months, and will start after the World Cup, to allow the national squad two full months to prepare themselves on tour in Europe.

As the current league race draws towards its close, Universidad de Chile are clear leaders and firm favourites. Seven points ahead of their closest rivals — the unfashionable Rangers — Universidad de Chile are eight points up on the clubs sharing third place, Riera's Catolica and the ever popular Colo Colo F.C.

Portuguese goalkeeper Costa Pereira punches clear from Czechoslovakian forwards Kvasnak (right) and Mraz (8). The latter is now in Austria—see Around the World Stories on Page 9. (Planet.)

WORLD CUP FRACAS

A BOOK could be written about the Chile–Colombia–Ecuador World Cup qualifying group which seemed to be the easiest to predict but ended with a play-off and a lot of other things which left a nasty taste.

Chile was sure that F.I.F.A. gave them a virtual passage into the finals, for having been third in the previous World Cup, by drawing them against such weak opposition. This was supported by the fact that the split in Colombian soccer (which left all professional clubs outside F.I.F.A.'s jurisdiction) made it highly improbable that this country would participate while rivalry between officials of Guayaquil and Quito was hampering selection of the Ecuador team and looked like ending this country's participation also.

As a result, Chile's team preparations were very slack and it got to a point when the selection was disbanded because of the cost of training and get-togethers.

Ridicule

Meanwhile Colombian F.A. officials — in the face of protests from press and public clamouring for withdrawal from the World Cup to avoid ridicule — expressed that they would comply with their fixtures even if they had to play themselves. Ecuador officials finally ended their internal strife and picked their team only two weeks before the first game. As expected, however, they beat the weak Colombian team, which included only one player (Prada) from the previous World Cup, 1-0 (away) and 2-0 (home).

When Chile trounced Colombia 7-2 at Santiago, everything was still going to form. In that game Colombia's Joaquin Pardo, one of their best, was sent off, but he played in the return game at Baranquilla six days later. This is against F.I.F.A. rules. Doctor Wainer, President of the Chilean delegation, was asked to sign a document by Colombian officials before the game stating that there would be no protest from Chile to F.I.F.A. about Pardo's inclusion, but he did not sign. Chile lost 2-0 and this was the big surprise of the year in South America.

Still Chile seemed to have no worries with two "easy" games versus Ecuador to come. Ecuador managed to loan inside-forward Alberto Spencer from Uruguayan champions, Peñarol, on condition that they insured him for £250,000 with Lloyds. Previously Uruguay had tried to get Spencer naturalised to put him in their World Cup team.

Taken off

In the first game, at Guayaquil, Chile just managed to draw 2-2 after Ecuador's goalie, Ansaldo, was kicked in the ribs by Chile's inside, Campos, and had to be taken off. Ecuador officials tried to get the police to arrest Campos to stop him leaving the country until they could put him on trial. Chile had to win the return game at Santiago to draw level on points and did it by 3-1. Then came the haggling to set a date for the play-off. Ecuador played for time to get goalie Ansaldo fit (blaming defeat on his absence) and got it when the replay was finally fixed for October 12, almost two months later.

Meanwhile Ecuador's players complained that the 550 dollar bonus offered for a win was too low and insisted on 1,100 dollars. The F.A. threatened to disband the team and replace it by the Pichincha Province selection which had offered to play for nothing. The row blew over and Ecuador's team for the play-off showed only three changes. At the same time in Chile, national coach, Hormazabal, had a verbal battle with fans and as a result is forced to resign. Luis Alamos is picked to replace him only two weeks before the decider at Lima and an unchanged Chilean team goes out to beat Ecuador 2-1.

Everything turned out as expected, but there is no doubt that Chile will be the weakest of South America's finalists.

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World Cup sales target

THE Football Association have achieved their target of £500,000 set for the end of December 1965 in tickets for the World Cup competition.

Actual cash banked from ticket sales is £515,000 after over £75,000 was taken during the period mid-November to mid-December.

Brazil still heads the list of ticket holders from overseas with 4,373.

The World Cup Committee has accepted a World Cup March as the official theme for the final series. It will be available on recordings, sheet music and orchestrations, but not until after the opening ceremony on July 11.

FERNANDO RIERA—Chile coach. (M.I.)

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PLAYER PORTRAIT by BERNARD BALE

"THE greatest player to emerge from Hungary since Ferenc Puskas." "Hungary's main hope for the World Cup." "Made a great impression in his first match against the English." "A dream début at Wembley." All these rave notices are quoted from British newspapers and are attributed to Hungary's new star forward—Ferenc Bene.

On Hungary's last trip to England, in May last year, when they were narrowly defeated 1-0, Bene, a comparatively new player to British fans, performed in the way that was reminiscent of his famous predecessors — Puskas, Hidegkuti and Kocsis—in their youth. Constantly worrying the England defence he looked a perpetual match-winner for the entire 90 minutes, but lacked the support that could so easily have turned the match into a Magyar victory.

Born in Marcali, a little village in East Hungary, on December 17, 1944, Bene started kicking a ball around almost as soon as he could walk.

His footballing career began at the age of 14, when he first turned out for the local Marcali village side against opposition of far greater stature and years. In his first season with the villagers he scored 57 goals and soon attracted a horde of spies from neighbouring clubs. Moving one rung up the ladder, he signed for Kaposvar, a more senior team from a nearby town of the same name. Emulating the success he had known with Marcali, Bene again attracted attention to himself and in 1961 he signed for the famous Ujpest Dozsa club.

Boosted hopes

In his three league seasons with Ujpest, Bene has scored 55 goals and has therefore boosted their hopes in their bid to bring Continental opposition to their ground through the medium of the European Cup.

FERENC BENE. (P.P.I.)

Bene is a very versatile forward, being able to play in all of the five attacking positions, and it is quite a headache for both the Ujpest and the international boards of selectors to decide in which position he should play.

Bene made his international début on the right wing in 1962 against Yugoslavia. He has since played at inside-right and centre-forward. On the wing, Bene feels out of place, despite playing well in that position, but at 5 ft. 7 in. and weighing just over 10 st., he is considered by the selectors to be lacking the stature that a defence-splitting centre-forward must have. The Hungarian team managers feel that Florian Albert is more at home in the No. 9 shirt.

The 1964 Olympic Games helped bring Ferenc Bene to the fore. In Tokyo he scored 12 goals in five matches, six being netted against Morocco, and four of them being scored in a space of 16 minutes. Besides this, he also scored 18 times in the preliminary rounds.

Bene had virtually devoted his life to football, he neither drinks nor smokes and is a confirmed bachelor with no thoughts at all of engaging in matrimony, despite being considered very eligible by a number of Hungarian women's magazines. His main aim in life is to reach the top in football, but he is studying law for the future.

His hobbies include art, driving his Wartburg car and stamp-collecting. Should Hungary win the Jules Rimet Trophy, no doubt there will be a special postage stamp issued to commemorate the occasion. This would be the crowning piece to the Hungarian's stamp collection, particularly if he scored the winning goal.

A star already, Ferenc Bene should continue to score the goals and play in the way that has made him so popular. He could be the man to win the World Cup for the Magyars, just as he helped win the Olympic gold medal in Tokyo.

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An exchange of pennants before the Spain – England game in Madrid. On the left is Bobby Moore the captain of England. He led his team to a surprise 2–0 victory which considerably boosted England's prospects of winning the World Cup for the first time in their history.

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World champions Internazionale were also surprised when they were beaten 2–1 in Athens by A.E.K. during a friendly match. Stamatiades and Vendouris scored for the Greeks while Peiro replied for the visitors. In this picture the Italians are hard pressed to repel an attack.

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